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## BRAVO CROATIA!



**SYDNEY CROATIA** wrapped up the Olympic Airways NSL Northern Division championship in style with a 3-0 win over Canterbury at Arlington Oval.

It was fitting indeed that up and coming star Graham Arnold and their highly professional midfielder Zarko Odzakovic supplied the goals.

Both have been amongst the toppers over the year.

From the competition halfway mark player-coach Vedran Rozic was quite convinced that he had the players - and the supporters - to finish off the job.

An unfortunate accident saw him being operated on in a Hurstville private hospital today to repair his fractured cheekbone, so he will be off the park for a while.

Legendary ex-Socceroo Ron Corry will be in charge for the short period that he is out of circulation.

As it stands Sydney Croatia heads the list of the clubs to qualify for the 1987 14 team NSL.

They face the play-offs with a great deal of confidence despite the absence of 'The Master.'

Sydney Croatia players celebrate a goal in the NSL Northern Division championship. — **KEITH GILMOUR**

## BIG SPONSORSHIP TO TOP INDOOR LEAGUE

BY TERRY GREEDY

THE National Indoor Soccer League has stolen a march on the Olympic Airways Soccer League.

The Indoor League with its 10 teams stretched out from centres as far afield as Mackay and the Latrobe Valley, will have James Hardie Industries as its major

sponsor.

Clubs will be fully franchised and each will be semi-professional and privately sponsored.

Half an hour of highlights of games will be televised each week from next month and the series will also be shown on the new Sportstation in the licensed clubs circuit.

The services of John-

ny Wareen have been enlisted to present the television programme.

After only three years of operation the progress of the League must be classed as staggering. In addition, the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation will host the 1988 World Championships.

It is all enough to make the Olympic Airways National Soccer League green with envy.

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## 1974 'ROO RE-UNION

THE 1974 Socceroos v Soccer Media match has been given a bigger billing by being shifted to become the curtain-raiser to the National Grand Final second leg at Parramatta Stadium on OCTOBER 19.

The confidence of the Socceroos was audaciously displayed last week when central defender Manfred Schaefer commented to media man Ray Gatt: "Do you want to bet on the outcome!"

This week on page 5 ASW publishes the full teams and gives more details on the match. The game, which has been jointly sponsored by ATTACK, MITRE, AMBASSADOR and ANSETT, has certainly caused a lot of interest amongst the public, who are responding to the chance of seeing some of the Soccer greats of yesteryear back in action once again.



## The Editor

IT is quite predictable - and indeed justifiable - to have FIFA making a favourable summing up of the World Cup staged in Mexico just a couple of months ago.

The international body also delivered a pat on the back to Mexico - and to their own organisation as well!

It was part of Mexico's plan to have a tourist-led recovery pattern to stage the Cup despite the ravages and loss of life in the horrendous earthquakes that preceded it.

There was the embarrassment of technical failures in television transmissions. FIFA undertakes to learn from such matters, which of course cut across the huge commercial and advertising expenditures and the need for those involved to receive a full return.

With electronic communications making huge inroads into sport, nothing is more certain than the fact that the question arises of whether the camera's eye will to some extent replace the referee's eye in making determinations on points of fact in the conduct of the game.

FIFA president Joao Havelange has come down strongly in favour of depending upon the referee to continue to be the sole judge of matters that come within his jurisdiction under the Laws of the Game.

There is a strong case for his viewpoint.

However the local competitor code of rugby league in Australia spends countless hours in viewing video tapes of games to detect serious breaches that have escaped the attention of match officials.

Australian rules has not turned directly to this system but it could be that they will in the future.

In these codes there is far more on field violence than in Soccer and consequently there is more reason for action.

Soccer has avoided a situation where there is one set of rules for the sport entertainment sphere and another for the paddock players.

However nothing is more certain than the point that electronic records will be used more and more as background, especially as more cases come to light involving civil claims for bodily injury and breaches of public order.

In Britain a rugby union player has just successfully prosecuted an on-field injury case.

FIFA has supplemented its administrative report with a general statement from its referees' committee, in the year designated as "The Year of the Referee."

Much would be learnt by taking apart the competitor team sports of rugby, gridiron, Australian and Gaelic rules and making all necessary comparisons.

Association football is certainly the truest football but many aspects of the game must be improved.

Only the foolish will deny that breaks in play have to be decreased. Unproductive time spent in setting up walls must be minimised and more goals added to the game.

The course of history will ultimately judge the present administration from this viewpoint, rather than from the successes achieved in Mexico.

Australia has a big interest in how the code is developed and it would be heartening to see the Australian Soccer Federation addressing itself to such problems rather than leaving them to people who should know a deal about the problems.

# NSL MUST BEAR UP OVER REFEREES APPOINTMENTS

THE seemingly amazing belief in some circles of the administration of the NSL that referees are an 'endangered species' and must be protected at all costs leaves me utterly dumbfounded!

This trend in thought puts the men in black in the same category as our Koala bears and we all know what Sports Minister John Brown said about them.

As a former player and coach I believe that the 'protection' of refs by the administrators is utter nonsense and in fact the easy way out to cover up some of their own mistakes.

For throughout the season I have been outspoken in my belief that the appointment of some referees for crucial and explosive NSL games has been way off line and entirely wrong.

And after having seen the performances of some of these referees, nothing has come about to change this opinion.

Mind you, the referees should not shoulder all of the blame as they are only performing to their capabilities.

A great deal of the responsibility must surely fall on the people who put them there in the first place.

To be honest and fair, there are a number of referees who have been given control of crucial and explosive NSL games this year, who have just not been



equipped for the job at hand.

Not necessary because of their ability or lack of it, but more so through their lack of experience.

It is a case of being thrust into the deep end much too soon.

Rookie referees should not be put into the firing line in recognised difficult games before they have the experience to handle such circumstances.

And on this subject of 'referee protection', one leading NSL official declared after the APIA v Marconi debacle at Lambert Park last week, that the referee, Mr Tony Pollard, had been put under extreme

pressure by the media before the game and that this could have affected his performance!

Which in my book is total rubbish!

If referees in top grade football cannot absorb so called 'pressure', they should not be there in the first place.

Of course it's a well known fact that everything that goes wrong in Soccer is always blamed on the media!

If a referee, the same as a player or a coach who pulls the wrong strings during a match, has a bad performance,

he is entitled to come under criticism.

What makes him so special to be protected?

Of course most of the refs expect criticism when things go wrong and maybe here we have a few officials, attempting to save their own red faces.

Let's face it, everyone realises that the most thankless task in sport is to be a referee.

These much maligned men in black can't satisfy everyone and indeed they shouldn't try.

The good, strong and experienced refs such as



BY TOM ANDERSON

South Australia's Don Campbell - without doubt the finest arbitrator in Australia - have the ability to cut out trouble on the field immediately it looks like starting.

They have total respect from the players.

The inexperienced ones, by their failure to get on top of things, set up a mood of resentment from the players - on both sides - and it is then that ruthless and violent play takes place.

This in turn enrages the crowd on the terraces with the end result usually trouble.

On a whole the standard of refereeing in Australia is remarkably good.

However it is being made to look bad because of bad appointments.

If more commonsense were to be used in this area, then the criticism of referees would not be prominent and then there would be no need for them to be put into the 'Koala bear' class by some touchy administrators.



"If any of you lot try to intimidate me during the next 90 minutes..."

## WOODIE IS FAR TOO RESERVED

IT grieves me to see such a talented goalkeeper as former Socceroo Greg Woodhouse languishing in the Sydney Croatia reserve team.

For if there was any player in Australia over the past few years I thought was destined for real stardom it was 'Big Woodie.'

Indeed I will never forget his brilliant performances down in South America - in Paraguay in 1979 during the final elimination round of the World Youth Cup.

The big lad was posi-

tively brilliant.

Indeed during the Young Socceroos week's preparation in Rio de Janeiro, at least a couple of Brazilian first division clubs wanted to sign him there and then!

He also went to England and had signing offers which he refused.

Woodie is only in his mid-20's which is comparatively young for a goalkeeper.

He's played for the Young Socceroos and the senior Socceroo squad and I will not for one minute accept that he's reserve team material!

So what about it Big Woodie, get that chin up off the deck and get back into the big-time where you belong.

You've already proved that you have what it takes.

Go for broke and do it again, as Australian football cannot afford to lose such talent!



GREG WOODHOUSE shuts out an attack in the Croatian goalmouth.

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# SBS BRINGS SOCCER NOSTALGIA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SBS-TV, the champion Soccer channel, kicks off this Saturday, a spectacular five week series of super World Soccer nostalgia, highlighting some of the greatest names in the code from the past. The World Soccer Nostalgia Series will be screened from this Saturday (September 13th) right through till October 11th at the static time-slot, 6pm every Saturday.

## 1962 F.A. CUP FINAL

The Series kicks off this Saturday with the 1962 English F.A. Cup Final between Tottenham Hotspur and Burnley.

This Cup Final saw Spurs come back to Wembley just 12 months after having cracked the most coveted "double" with their star-studded line-up.

It included their captain and right midfielder, the great Danny Blanchflower, Scotland's powerful Davie McKay, the master of goals in the air Jimmy Greaves, and the great Johnny White who was later killed by a bolt of lightning on a golf course.

Names that a quarter of a century later are still indelibly embossed in all Soccer fans' minds.

## "Sir Stanley's Testimonial"

On Saturday week, (September 20) and again at 6pm, SBS-TV will screen the "Sir Stanley Matthews Testimonial", a spectacular ex-



Sir Stanley Matthews being chaired off at his Testimonial by fellow-greats, Ferenc Puskas and Lev Yashin.

hibition match organised between a Sir Stanley Matthews Select XI against a World XI.

Sir Stanley retired at the age of 50, when he was still playing in the English First Division.

A legendary figure in his own right.

This superb testimonial was played in 1965 and included mega-stars of the likes of mercurial Ferenc Puskas, the Argentinian "bossman" Alfredo De Stefano, the

immortal Russian goalkeeper and black cat Lev Yashin, and Kubala.

## 1968 European Cup Final-Manchester United vs Benfica.

Week 3, September 27th, sees SBS-TV flashback to 1968 to bring back a flood of memories from the Manchester United clash with Portugal's giants Benfica, in that year's European Cup Final.

This match has gone down as one of the classic European Cup Finals ever played.

Extra time had to be played before England's Men In Red were able to pull off one of the most emotional victories for their great, dignified manager, Sir Matt Busby.

Manchester United's line-up was the same side that toured Australia in 1968 and played Australia at the Sydney Showground under floodlights.

Australians on that cold Wednesday evening, witnessed the game of Soccer being played

as they had never seen it before.

For this European Cup Final Manchester United's team-sheet that night included the shirts of super-stars Georgie Best, Bobby Charlton, Alex Stepney, John Aston, Pat Crerand, Dennis Law, Brian Kidd.

The powerful Portuguese Benfica, ran out onto the pitch that night with super-stars Eusebio, Jose Torres and Simoes.

## "GOAL"

Easily one of the very best Soccer films ever canned, has to be "GOAL".

"GOAL" is a class Soccer production.

Weeks 4 and 5 (October 4th and 11th), SBS-TV will screen "GOAL" in two parts.

"GOAL" traces the whole of the 1966 World Cup Finals which were played and eventually won in England.

"GOAL" vividly portrays the sheer unpredictability, pain, excitement, agony, energy, torment and joy that only a Soccer World Cup Final series can create.

Viewers will see a staggering number of World Stars in this film.

Eusebio, Pele, Beckenbauer, Muller, Seeler,

the Charlton brothers, Geoff Hurst, Terry Cooper, Roger Hunt are just some of the World Stars SBS-TV will bounce into our lounge rooms during the first two Saturday afternoons next month.

You will be able to judge for yourself whether England deserved to win this World Cup Final when they met West Germany at Wembley where the most controversial goal was scored.

Did that ball cross the goal-line??

Was the linesman correct??

The political upheaval that followed for months on end after England eventually won the Final, will always be remembered.

The Network of SBS-TV, now invites all lovers of Soccer to be their guest and sit back to enjoy a feast of classic international matches.

Be sure not to miss the "World Soccer Nostalgia Series" brought to us by SBS-TV over the next five Saturdays.

**THE following table of points towards the 1987 14 team NSL is the League's official point score with one round to go.**

(NB the NSL has not yet allocated points out of 10 based on 1986 crowd achievements).

Sydney Croatia	80.00
Brunswick Juventus	77.50
Sydney City	76.27
Heidelberg	73.85
Sydney Olympic	66.89
St George	63.79
South Melbourne	62.26
Footscray	62.22
Adelaide City	58.19
Marconi	57.13
Preston Makedonia	50.50
APIA-Leichhardt	48.33
Melbourne Croatia	44.17
Newcastle Rosebud	43.33
Sunshine G.C.	42.50
Brisbane Lions	40.60
Wollongong City	34.50
Adelaide Hellas	32.66
Blacktown City	31.61
Canberra City	26.22
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Brisbane City	21.16
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Next week, another fine match in our Nostalgia Series.

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# THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY

AFTER leading for much of the 1985 season, Croatia stumbled at the last hurdle and missed the title. Although disappointed with their 1985 finish the coach and players obviously learnt from the experience and were better equipped to handle the pressure this time.

It is now only a formality for the Croatian team to be crowned Minor Premiers and players and coach should be congratulated for their success.

Vedran Rozic took over after many coaches had come and gone and has brought the stability to the club which has finally led to success.

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**VIOLENCE again has thrust Soccer into the limelight with the "Lambert Park Incident".**

I can remember after the Pratten Park trouble there were many inquiries and very little seems to have been accomplished.

One thing to come out of the inquiries was that the referee would not start the game if he was not satisfied that there

were enough police present at the game. Evidently this does not still apply as several people in attendance at the Lambert Park game have claimed that there were very few police on duty at the ground.

Clubs must be held responsible for any disturbances at their games. The club must be responsible for the safety of all officials, players and spectators and steps must be taken to ensure there are adequate numbers of police on duty to quell any trouble that may arise.

The NSL Executive should compile a list of requirements for each club to cover on match day to keep control.

Harsher punishments for clubs, players and spectators who breach the rules should be meted out to offenders. Punishments handed out to these offenders should be highlighted in the Press so that they act



VEDRAN ROZIC leaps high to clear for Croatia. He has taken his side to high spots also.

as a deterrent to others who may contemplate causing trouble.

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MY comments on the behaviour of some of the Olympic fans after the Sydney City clash ruffled a few feathers. I received a phone call from Paul Ankudinoff, the Youth Development Officer for the Olympic Youth teams.



TERRY GREEDY

Mr Ankudinoff explained to me that at youth level the Olympic club place great emphasis on sportsmanship, accepting the referees decisions and playing the game in the right spirit.

They must learn to control their emotions when they disagree with the referees' rulings, and the club and game will be winners.

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I find this news to be most heartening at youth level. As well as developing the players skills, a positive approach to the game and sportsmanship must also be fostered.

With this approach at Youth level the future of the Olympic club as a force in Australian Soccer is assured.

It is unfortunate that the "Mindless Minority" who cause the trouble on the terraces do not adopt the same outlook on the game.

Congratulations to Troy Moore, Peter Moon, Justin Abelev, Adam Broadbeck, Anthony Bool, Nick Sutherland and Peter Kypreos who won scholarships to the next Terry Greedy Coaching Clinic to be held next July at Seymour Shaw Park.

These boys showed excellent skills throughout the week and were at all times enthusiastic and co-operative. Well done boys.

See You Next Week

## CLEAN UP THOSE ROCK AND ROLL FAKERS!

THE present attitude and behaviour of some of our NSL players must now be looked at very closely by the coaches in charge of some of the teams!

For, to be perfectly honest, some of the antics of various players shows a distinct lack of self-discipline and does much to incite problems on the terraces.

Happily, this situation does not apply to the majority of our players, most of whom have my total respect.

However, there are the few, whose antics go beyond the realms of acceptance.

The coaches of the clubs whose players come into this category, must insure - by dishing out heavy fines, that these players retain their self-discipline at all times.

Soccer is a man's game and nobody would want the players to become 'shrinking violets'.

However being hard is one thing and inciting trouble on the terraces is quite another!

Gamesmanship and subterfuge is now part and parcel of the professional scene, as some of the games in the re-

cent World Cup finals in Mexico aptly demonstrated.

The good refs can see through players' antics in a flash, but the weak ones fall for the various acts, hook, line and sinker.

In my book, the type of players who are the worst offenders in inciting trouble on the terraces, are the ones, who when tackled hard, roll and writhe on the ground in seeming agony.

Then, as soon as they have been awarded a free-kick and opponents punished, with the crowd up in arms, they sprint off as if nothing has happened!

There are a number of these 'high divers' around at present.

Then there is the 'helper', who after felling an opponent, goes to his aid and helps him to his feet like a good Samaritan.

This fellow fools nobody - except an inexperienced referee.

SAYS TOM ANDERSON

perienced referee.

Also in the arena are the 'Blindside Billies', who, when the ref is out of vision, dish out the punishment.

These fellows are most difficult to catch!

The silly guys are the ones who retaliate immediately when on the receiving end of a knock

- both physically and verbally.

It is here the coach should come in and instruct his players that immediate retaliation is definitely a no-no.

The players I feel sorry for, are the ones who are abused and spat on by the crowd and who,

when at the end of their tether, answer back or make rude signs to their baiters.

It's difficult to keep one's cool in such circumstances, but it's something that has to be done.

At the moment, there is a great hullabaloo over the game being too physical.

## IMPORTANT LESSONS FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS

THE national talent identification week and U/16 national championships were held all last week at Valentine Park, Parklea.

Some of the top young players in the country have been on show, many with National League and State League experience.

We've talked about our young players being on a par with most countries in the world, but with the gap widening as the players get into senior ranks.

Certainly young players are coming through with a better attitude and approach to the game, but we have to keep stressing what is needed to get to the top.

Possibly some of them get to the top of youth Soccer too easy and achieve much success at a young age, playing in world tournaments in many countries and then tend to think they've arrived and that's all they have to do to be a

top senior player.

Young players have to be shown what is needed and have to be continually reminded that they are learning the game as a player until the day they finish playing.

This point is probably one of the factors on which we fall down.

The best coaches, well qualified and having a good understanding of the game through playing at a good level, should be working with players at youth level.

They should be getting the right training programmes, planned to make sure they are learning all aspects of the game. Far too often it is a case of running them to death and then playing a game.

They have to learn their profession by serving their apprenticeship properly, just the same as any other job.



BY ALAN VEST  
NSW DIRECTOR  
OF COACHING

Naturally some learn quicker than others, some mature earlier than others, and some are born with exceptional skills.

However the transition from youth to senior level and how its done is vital. It's a problem that needs thinking out and acting on, and one that clubs should think more about.

We have young players with exceptional talent and now we need to get the same success and improvement as they become senior players.

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ON October 19, the day of the National Grand Final, the biggest re-union match of the 1974 Socceroos ever staged will kick off at 1pm.

The match is being sponsored by ATTACK Sports, MITRE Sports, AMBASSADOR Trophies and ANSETT Airlines.

Not since Col 'Bunny' Curran's testimonial in 1977 has this great team ever come together as a unit.

The match, which it is hoped can be staged annually, will be against the best talents that the Australian Soccer Media can muster.

The game will run half an hour each way.

Rale Rasic will lead the 'Roos out, Tony Boskovic will be the man in the middle and Charlie Jurisic will tend to any injuries during the hour of play.

During the run up to the match ASW will spotlight players from both sides.

This week we present Johnny Warren, Atti Abonyi, Frank Coletta and Tito Pozo.

**DATE: OCTOBER 19**

## THE full list of both teams are as follows:

**THE 1974 SOCCEROOS:** PETER WILSON, JOHNNY WARREN, ATTI ABONYI, RAY RICHARDS, MANFRED SCHAEFER, JIMMY ROONEY, ERNIE CAMPBELL, ADRIAN ALSTON, RAY BAARTZ, COL CURRAN, DOUG UTJESENOVIC, HARRY WILLIAMS, JACK REILLY, ALLAN MAHER, JIMMY MACKAY, BRANKO BULJEVIC, PETER OLLERTON, and MAX TOLSON.

**THE N.S.W. SOCCER MEDIA:** FRANK COLETTA (Australian Soccer Weekly), RAY GATT (Sydney Morning Herald), STEFAN KAMASZ (NSL Monthly), TERRY GREEDY (Australian Soccer Weekly), EDDIE THOMSON (Sunday Telegraph), LES MURRAY (SBS TV), PETER WILKINS (ABC TV), GEORGE DONIKIAN (SBS TV), ANDREW PASCHALIDIS (Radio 2GB), NEIL JAMESON (Newcastle Herald), TITO POZO (Spanish Herald), JOHN ECONOMOS (Australian Soccer Weekly), TED SIMMONS (Australian Associated Press), DAVID HILL (ABC and SBS TV) and LAWRIE SCHWAB (Soccer Action).

Final teams...

### ATTI ABONYI

**ATTI ABONYI:** Atti would have been Australia's most capped international had it not been for business commitments and injuries but he is Australia's top scorer.

His total of 36 goals in all games — 25 of them in full internationals.

Atti played his first match for Australia in the last of the three-match series against Scotland in 1967, the year his club, Melbourne, won the Australia Cup, beating APIA 4-3.

Atti was Australia's top scorer on the triumphant Asian tour of 1967 with 13 goals, including hat-tricks against New Zealand (5-3) and Singapore (5-1).

Injury prevented him from playing in the three match series against Japan in 1968 but he returned in 1969 to score the penalty goal that gave Australia a 1-0 win over Greece in the first of a three-match series.

He missed the 1970 world tour due to business commitments and scored his first goal for Australia in three years when he slammed the only goal in the win over Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1972 in Melbourne.

By the time the 1973 World Cup qualifying series began, coach Rale Rasic relegated Atti to the reserves bench.

Atti returned to the team as a sub for Branko Buljevic during the scoreless draw with Irak in Melbourne.

He was the selected for the final match against Indonesia in Sydney. He was determined to re-establish his reputation and became the chief executor of the injury-stricken Indonesia, scoring two and setting up others in the Socceroos' 6-0 victory.

That display assured him a place in the remaining five qualification games.

Yet Atti was not an automatic choice in the lead-up to the World Cup finals with 'Noddy'

Alston and Buljevic the twin strikers in the starting line-ups.

Atti had his chance to show his wares when he came on against West Germany in Hamburg. The skilful goalgrabber almost scored what would have been Australia's only goal of the finals. However, Atti had the misfortune of seeing his shot bounce off the post after he had broken away from Franz Beckenbauer and beaten keeper Sepp Maier after a pass from Jimmy Mackay.

His enterprise earned him a place in the team for the final match against Chile (0-0), but as a midfielder rather than a striker.

Atti then had a long absence outside of the national side and didn't return until 1976 against New Zealand (3-0) in which he scored.

He continued his prolific scoring against the likes of Sunderland, Hearts, Bologna and Hong Kong and was selected for the 1976 world tour.

Again his goalscoring came to the fore against Indonesia (1-1), Hong Kong (2-0), Chinese Selection (5-4) and Birmingham (1-4).

After a series against Red Star and another against Israel, Atti lined up for his third World Cup campaign, opening with goals in both games against Taiwan (3-0 and 2-1).

He was mystifyingly left out of the next match and played only one game in the "World of Soccer" in 1977.

He then played in the remaining games of the World Cup after Australia were on the way out.

But the treatment at the end of 11 years loyal service to the Socceroos that was dished out to Atti left a sour taste in many mouths.

Incidentally Atti made his senior debut for Melbourne Hungaria at the age of 15 and moved to St. George in 1969.

He has since been involved with Sydney Croatia and Rockdale Ilinden as coach.



ATTI ABONYI slams the ball in for Australia.

**JOHNNY WARREN** holds probably the biggest reputation in Australian Soccer, his last international was against West Germany in the 1974 World Cup finals and his last kick was the one that scored the winning goal for St. George in the 1974 NSW Grand Final.

As all champions Johnny went out on the highest possible note. Born in Randwick, JW became the first Australian-born captain of the national team after Federation.

He served in that capacity for four years, until a serious knee injury interrupted his career, and he was rewarded with an MBE in



JOHNNY WARREN

1973.

His contribution to Soccer has been continuous and plentiful since he was promoted to the Canterbury senior team under the late great Joe Vlasits at the age of only 16.

Johnny played in championship teams for Canterbury until he was transferred to St. George at the age of 19. He stayed with the Saints until the end of his playing career, and then took over as the club's manager.

Johnny started his international career as a member of Australia's 1965 World Cup squad. He missed out on playing against North Korea in the two qualifying games but made his debut in the 0-0 draw with Cambodia a few days later.

He replaced Pat Hughes as national team captain for the 1967 tour of Asia and held that post through the 1969 World Cup qualifiers and the 1970 world tour, until injury interrupted his career for 15 months. Peter Wilson then took over as captain but the players voted for John as vice-captain when he returned.

In 1977, in his capacity of A.C.T. Director of Coaching, John conducted countless clinics and coaching courses.

He has been involved in clubs such as St. George, Canberra City, Canterbury and Sydney City in all spheres.

### MEDIA

**NAME:** FRANK COLETTA

**MEDIA SOURCE:** Australian Soccer Weekly

**BIRTHDATE and PLACE:** 14-12-1966 in Liverpool

**NICKNAME:** There's a few different ones

**WEIGHT and HEIGHT:** 75 kgs a touch under 12 stone and 5ft 11 and a half.

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Any home cooking — then there's Chicken, Seafood... especially Calamari and Prawn Cocktails.

**FAV MUSIC:** Heaps of them. ELO, Bruce



FRANK COLETTA

Springsteen, Huey Lewis and the News, Phil Collins, Charlie Sexton, Billy Joel, Whitney Houston — you name it I like it.

**FAV ACTOR/ESS:** Sylvester Stallone, Michael J. Fox, Linda Carter and any good comedian.

**FAV HOLIDAY RESORT:** The best I've been to I guess would have to be Noora Head but I'd love to hit Dunk Island or The Resort.

**FAV OTHER SPORTS:** All of them — Tennis, League, Golf, Motor Racing, Cricket and Indoor Soccer.

**FEARS:** Being sold a 'hospital' pass on October 19 with Manny Schaefer, Peter Wilson and Ray Richards bearing down on me!

**LIKES:** Winning, Watching and participating in Sport, Listening to Music, Having a good time, Socialising, Enjoying the Sun and a few other things I dare not mention!

**DISLIKES:** Arrogance, Ignorance and 'Cowboys' — and I don't mean the rodeo kind!

**AGE FIRST STARTED SOCCER:** Ten

**FAVOURITE TEAM:** Juventus in Italy and Manchester United in England.

**FAV ALL-TIME PLAY-**

**ER/S:** Sammy McIlroy, Roberto Bettega, Bruno Conti, Johan Cruyff, Eddie Krncevic and Beniamino Vignola.

**GENERAL THOUGHTS ON "THE" MATCH:** It is a great idea. I'm really looking forward to it. I just hope the 'Roos don't take it too hard as we continually slam the goals past them! Only kidding fellas! And thanks to the sponsors, ATTACK, MITRE, AMBASSADOR, ANSETT and the OASL.



TITO POZO

**NAME:** TITO POZO

**MEDIA SOURCE:** Spanish Herald

**BIRTHDATE and PLACE:** 5-11-62 in Valparaiso, Chile

**NICKNAME:** You wouldn't print it!

**WEIGHT and HEIGHT:** 92kg and 6ft 5in.

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Italian and Seafood

**FAV MUSIC:** Jean Michael Jarre

**FAV HOLIDAY RESORT:** South of Chile

**FAV OTHER SPORTS:** Women!

**FAV ACTOR/ESS:** Clint Eastwood and Marilyn Monroe.

**FEARS:** Losing against the 1974 Socceroos!

**LIKES:** Eating and sleeping.

**DISLIKES:** Some people who work for Australian Soccer Weekly!

**AGE STARTED SOCCER:** Five

**FAVOURITE TEAM:** I like Soccer in general except the Poms!

**FAV ALL-TIME PLAYERS:** Pele, Maradona and Patricio Yanez.

**GENERAL THOUGHTS ON THE MATCH:** Well I think I'd like to get some better players into the Soccer Media team. If not we'll just do our best.

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# OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

## MARCONI CRASHES AGAINST OLYMPIC

By JOHN ECONOMOS

**MARCONI** crashed dramatically from third spot on the League ladder to sixth place when they surprisingly surrendered so easily to go down 2-0 to Sydney Olympic at the Marconi Stadium.

But to be honest, Marconi gave both goals to Sydney Olympic and in doing so now risk being out of the Top Five Series which kicks off next week.

Olympic, who were so pathetic the previous week at home against Wollongong City, showed some improvement, but not to the degree required to have been able to stop Marconi had they been at their best.

Marconi scored an "own-goal", and had sweeper Lee Sterrey sent off in the 60th minute which took much of the sting out of them.

A collision between Sterrey and Olympic's right midfielder, Stuart Johnston in the fourth minute, saw play held up as both players received first aid attention.

The 29th minute saw Olympic's fiery striker

Marshall Soper come off the pitch to be replaced by Terry Patalis. Soper had an infected toe and it was touch and go whether he would play at all.

Disaster struck Marconi just six minutes before "drinks".

Olympic's English right-back Martyn Rogers, who had an excellent first session, collected the ball on the halfway mark and played a short one-two with his skipper, Peter Raskopoulos.

Rogers knocked a nice ball wide to the right flank to find Johnstone. Johnstone whipped his cross towards Marconi's first post, but Peter Tredinnick, endeavouring to turn the ball back to his goalkeeper, headed it straight into his own net.

The hour mark saw Marconi's Sterrey foul Olympic's substitute,

Peter Katholos near the touchline and Victorian referee, Stuart Mellings booked him. But Sterrey had also been booked in the first half thus necessitating him leaving the pitch.

Olympic's second goal came in the 71st minute through block-busting left winger Chris Kalantzis.

Scheming South American midfielder Vicente Estavillo, whipped in a nice cross from the left flank which Marconi's goalkeeper Bruce James gathered high inside the six yard box. But inexplicably, James dropped the ball only to watch in horror as Kalantzis pounced to tap it into the net from close-range.

Olympic's midfield quartet of Johnston, Gary Phillips, Peter Raskopoulos and Estavillo, not only outnumbered Marconi's trio of Ian Gray, Tredinnick and Geoff Gunning, but also outplayed them.

Marconi's attack trio of Rod Brown, David Lowe and El Ali,



Chris Kalantzis (left) and Simon Brandt (right) were two of Sydney Olympic's best players against Marconi.

although trying hard to shake off their markers, were completely starved of quality ball supply to be able to do anything.

**MARCONI:** James: Carter, Henderson, Sterrey, Wheatley; Gray, Tredinnick, Gunning; Lowe, Brown, El Ali.  
**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier: Rogers, Brandt, Coady, Spanoudakis; Johnston (Katholos 47th), Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo; Soper (Patalis 29th), Kalantzis.

Referee: S. Mellings.

Crowd: 2,973.

## ONE LAST CHANCE FOR HELLAS AND CROATIA

By TOM MCKAIN

**IN THEIR** last gasp effort to make the top 14 for next year's super league Adelaide Hellas and Melbourne Croatia blew it at Hindmarsh Stadium when they turned in a 2-2 draw.

They now have only one match left to stake a claim for inclusion in the elite competition.

Hellas remains in ninth place on 18 points while Croatia is still there on 16 for 10th place after predicting they would make eighth spot which would be enough to take them into the super league next year.

While Sunday's result upset both teams, it struck most at Hellas particularly as they had been leading 2-0.

Goalkeeper Gary Sproul had kept them in the game and in the 18th minute it was socceroo defender Robbie Dunn, playing in midfield, who headed in a lob from attacking leftback Alan Scott to make it 1-nil.

Croatia's players claimed a "no goal" but FIFA referee Donald Campbell pointed to the centre spot indicating that Dunn had put the ball over the line before it was headed out by defender George Hannah.

Sproul, who had denied Paul Lewis and Josif Biskic, then had a hand in the second home goal.

He punted a long clearance looking for front runners Gary Ward, George Konstandopoulos or Lou Hristodoulou.

Croatia defender David McIntosh got his head to the ball first, but it glanced backward into the path of Hristodoulou, who ran at goalkeeper Merko Runje coming out, and the

ball bounced. The Youth World Cup player lobbed it over the keeper into the net.

It looked all over for Croatia, but a free kick outside the box on the left put them back into the game when Lawrie Abrahams beat the wall with a dipping shot and watched Sproul leap vainly in an effort to save one minute before half time.

The equaliser came in the 54th minute from a glancing header by Lewis on the right to beat Sproul from a cross by Steve Gojevic, who had come on as a substitute in the 50th minute for Zelko Gagula.

Lewis put the ball in the net again in the 63rd minute, and there were jeers from the SA Croats as he was ruled off side.

It was Lewis who attacked again only to

see the ball bounce off the top of Sproul's left hand post and stay out.

At the other end of the field Dunn came close then substitute Chris Manou hit a shot straight at Runje.

There was plenty of tension in the game and referee Campbell booked home players Tim Brown and John Panagis along with Croatia's McIntosh.

Both teams must now hope and pray that next week's result will carry them into the new league as Hellas visits George Cross in Melbourne and Croatia plays at home against Green Gully.

**HELLAS:** Sproul, Brown, Scott, Honeyman, Dunn, Atsias (Manou ht), Konstandopoulos, Ward, Hristodoulou, Hiern.

**CROATIA:** Runje, McIntosh, Hannah, Campbell, Blekic, Markovac, Redmond, Tatalic, Abrahams, Gagula (Gojevic 50), Lewis. Referee: D Campbell SA. Crowd: 2133.

## DEMONS FALTER UNDER PRESSURE FROM APIA

By KEITH GILMOUR

**BLACKTOWN** had most of the ball for the first 40 minutes of the game at the Gabbie Stadium, but they perished on the rocks of a solid APIA defence capably led by Arno Bertogna.

Actually it was an unlucky penalty handed to APIA by Peter Willis that put the maroon and blue in the box seat in the 39th minute, but the very strength of the APIA attack on that occasion meant that the goal was well merited.

Bertogna moved up to the ball with measured stride, delayed long enough to send Barry Hoare to the right, and then despatched it into the huge gap to his left.

In the opening exchanges Robbie Slater and John Bradley were particularly bright and APIA were left to rely on counter attacks.

Paul Kay started well, but soon it was clear that he was not his usual self and by the 63rd minute he was replaced by Brett Thornthwaite.

Just on half time Alan Turnbull made a clever solo run but his shot missed the post by two metres.

The man who was doing the clever setting up for APIA was Edward Lorens, and the

type of pressure he exerted on Blacktown led to their undoing.

By the 63rd minute Blacktown's Casey de Bruin replaced Bradley with the bright young Darren Northam.

Two minutes previously Blacktown were knocking at the door from a Gary Byrne free-kick headed on by Peter Denyer. It was one of those rare occasions when Tony Pezzano had to go down at full stretch and he covered the ball in fine style.

Although APIA were only one goal to the

good it was quite obvious that Blacktown were a spent force.

No players in their side did better than Bertogna, Lorens and that wonder man Terry Butler, but the balance of the players gave all they had to force the win.

Fittingly it was Butler who gained possession in the 79th minute, cut around a couple of players and struck an angled drive past Barry Hoare for the second goal.

And in the dying minutes Butler went close and Tony Parison had a crack as if to emphasise

APIA's superiority.

All told however, the APIA side although superior, could not be regarded as champion material, although that could be somewhere along the track.

Certainly their coach Rale Rasic was more than pleased with their efforts on the day.

**BLACKTOWN CITY:** Hoare, Willis, Knight, Ainsworth, Denyer, Kay (Thornthwaite 63m), Byrne, Bradley (Northam 46m), Slater, Carroll, Sandy.

**APIA-LEICHHARDT:** Pezzano, Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Stewart, Hristovski, Bundalo (Brady 79m), Butler, Lorens, Turnbull (Beddoni 85m), Parison.

Referee: A. Kibbler. Crowd: 1102.



Apia's Terry Butler

## MARCONI JUNIOR SOCCER

### COACHES REQUIRED FOR 1987 SEASON

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## TWO SENT OFF IN WILD 60 SECONDS OF PLAY



Sydney City's Gerry Gomez (left) and Steve O'Connor (right) who were sent off during a wild 60 seconds of play in the match against St George at St George Stadium on Sunday.



## SAINTS REMAIN COOL

A FORTHRIGHT display of self-discipline by St George at St George Stadium on Sunday ended Sydney City's hopes of finishing runners-up to Croatia in this year's Northern Division of the NSL.

Indeed Saints have now given themselves the chance to finish in this position.

While the Slickers lost their cool and self-discipline, Saints retained theirs and won the match 2-0.

Two Slickers players — Gerry Gomez and Steve O'Connor — received their marching orders in an explosive minute of the first half.

Gomez got an early shower in the 32nd minute and O'Connor in the 33rd minute after incidents involving young Saints midfielder Craig Moffitt.

Indeed these two sendings off by rookie referee Peter Spiers, defused what could have turned into a very nasty and unsavoury encounter.

Referee Spiers was thrown into this game at the last minute after designated referee Jim

BY TOM ANDERSON

Rossis could not make it from South Australia.

And to give credit where credit is due, in my opinion, referee Spiers had a good match and had the courage to call the tune as he saw it — straight down the middle.

It was refreshing to

witness a referee taking action as Spiers did — without fear or favor.

After the game the Slickers camp was anything but happy with the display of Spiers.

I do not think this was warranted.

Saints' coach Frank Arok on the other hand had no complaints.

Saints' first goal was scored by Robbie O'Shea in the 77th minute from a penalty after Saints' midfield substitute Miklos Orszagh was brought down in the

penalty area.

The second came in the 80th minute from a powerful header from David Ratcliffe following a free kick by Pedro Ricoy.

For a while Saints did it hard against the nine man Slickers outfit but the weight of numbers told in the end.

Best man on the field was Slickers midfielder Tommy McCulloch, who despite needing four stitches inserted in a nose wound never put a foot wrong.

This was Supermac at his brilliant best and he must now be a certainty for the Winfield Soccer-oo tour to China and Asia in November and the two Trans Tasman games against New Zealand.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen (Orszagh 60), Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, R.O'Shea; J.O'Shea, Ricoy, Moffitt (Ollerenshaw 43), Petkovski; Koczka, Fletcher.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes; Hooker, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny; Watson, Gomez, McCulloch; Lee, Farina, Schute (Rodrigues 45).

REFEREE: Peter Spiers. CROWD: 1550.

## ARNOLD IS THE HERO AS CROATIA WIN THE TITLE

SYDNEY Croatia collected the NSL Northern Division championship for the first time when they defeated a gallant Canterbury Marrickville Olympic 3-0 at Arlington Oval.

The hero of the day was Socceroo squad

BY STEVE SHELTON

member Graham Arnold, who netted twice and took his tally to 16 goals.

With one round remaining that could place him topscorer for the year, which is all the more remarkable as he has been used in a deep-lying role for a deal of the season.

Arnold, as usual, was quite matter of fact when I spoke to him. "Had it not been for the bumpy pitch I thought we would have scored a lot more," he said.

Coach Vedran Rozic, sporting his broken cheek-bone as a legacy of the Marconi game, added: "We should do very well in the semi-finals if we can stick to

the form we revealed today."

This turned out to be a very exciting game and a deal of the credit must go to Canterbury for their efforts.

Croatia started out in great touch and in the 14th minute that very able Socceroo midfielder Zarko Odzakovic eluded the opposing defence with a 20 metre free-kick that had Ian Barker beaten all the way.

It was great to see Manis Lamond returning to his best after coming back from an ankle injury. His speed tore Canterbury's defence to ribbons.

By the 27th minute Croatia were further ahead as a result of inter-play between Zeljko Jurin and Arnold.

From 15 metres Arnold drove an unstoppable shot into the bottom of the net.

Canterbury came back in the second half

and Nelio Borges all but scored from a lead up by Petar Zrilic and Dennis Fterniatas.

Ivan Petkovic was all but in for Croatia in the 73rd minute, but with seven minutes to go he provided a well-weighted through ball which Arnold converted into his team's third goal.

Whilst the bald scoreline greatly favours the new Northern Division champions, Dom Kapetanovic's men did their very best to make it a fine game.

They did particularly well as they had to operate without the services of their normal sweeper John Radman, who missed the game due to yellow card suspension.

CANTERBURY: Barker, Svinos, Hantzi, Kalogeras, Fterniatas, Zrilic, Zalmi, Borges, Akoutas, Arambasic, Licata (Marinos 67m).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Jennings, Kovacic, Clinch, Jurin (Razo 55m), Savor, Arnold, Odzakovic, Lamond, Rumora (A.Kovacic 60m), Petkovski.

Referee: G.Power. Crowd: 3274.



Canberra goalkeeper Tony Franken. Once again this brilliant, young custodian gave a near faultless display to nearly keep his team in the match.

## FRANKEN SAVES THE FANS FROM BOREDOM

BY PHIL MURPHY

CANBERRA City goalkeeper Anthony Franken was the only star attraction as his team went down 1-nil to Wollongong City at Wollongong Showground on Sunday.

The game featured two teams destined for the State League in 1987 and it was a boring spectacle for the 1121 spectators who bothered turning up.

The Wolves deserved to take the points because they had more ideas and certainly created more scoring chances than the visitors.

Without their classy Peruvian playmaker Augustus Palacios Canberra never posed any real threat to a solid Wollongong defence even though they did have the ball in the net midway through the second half.

Striker Gas Cero netted but referee Richard Lorenc and linesman David Naylor ruled team mate Tony Lemeza was in an offside position.

Franken showed three real touches of brilliance to deny Pat Brodnik, Rade Stefanovski and Larry Gaffney certain goals.

The best of these was when Stefanovski sent in a powerful shot from 25 metres and Franken got up superbly to push the ball over the top for a corner.

It was Brodnik who scored the winning goal after 67 minutes in a crowded goalmouth when replacement David Batten sent in a long throw from the left wing.

Fullback Jock Morlando had moved up for the flick-on and Brodnik was well positioned on the far post to score.

The Wolves never looked like giving a repeat performance of their 2-1 win over Olympic a week earlier and relied far too much on optimistic long balls up the middle.

Franken was the man of the match while Morlando and Brodnik stood out in the Wolves line up.

The bad news for Wollongong is that captain and centre half Ray Vlietstra received his fourth yellow card and will miss Sunday's last game against Sydney City.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Vlietstra, Chibby, Morlando, Gaffney, Giraldo, Kotamanidis (70 Batten), Stefanovski, Easthorpe, Brodnik.

CANBERRA: Franken, Mazze, Dunn, Cant, Harkins, Bryant, Sermanni, Hamilton, Junna, Cero (82 Kvicsv), Lemeza.

Referee: Richard Lorenc 7. Crowd: 1121.

### CANTERBURY M.O. YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

Canterbury Marrickville Olympic Soccer Club are now conducting their Youth League trials for the 1987 Season.

The trials to be held are for our Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s Youth League squads for 1987.

Trials are being held every Sunday morning over the next four weeks starting at 9.30am sharp at:

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# OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

## SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP SET FOR EXCITING END

DESPITE last Sunday's draw the scene is now set for an exciting climax to the Southern Division of the OASL.

League leaders Footscray just suffered a shock 4-1 defeat at the hands of a revitalised Preston Makedonia and therefore hold a slender one point lead with just one round remaining.

Both Brunswick Juventus and Heidelberg, who last Sunday disposed of Brisbane Lions are the two sides who are a point from the action.

So next week's games take on special relevance as any one of the three teams could yet take out the championship.

It could have been a very different situation however, had Brunswick Juventus been able to take advantage of their dominance on the field against Adelaide City in their clash at Olympic Park.

It was an altogether frustrating and luckless day for the Black and Whites as they piled on the pressure virtually from the kickoff only to be thwarted time and again by a combination of good goalkeeping and some ordinary finishing in front of goals.

Speedy striker Andrew Zinni had two early opportunities to open the scoring but both times Adelaide City goalkeeper Willie McNally was equal to the occasion and managed two timely saves.

Both teams took a long time to settle down and the play was very scrappy during the first 45 minutes.

But it was obvious that City were under strict instructions to not throw too many men forward and they were content to play the ball around for most of the first half in the hope that a quick counterattack might prove successful.

The fans who were witnessing the match were deserving of far better things as both sides seemed to lack purpose and direction for long periods of the first half.

Whilst the second half produced no goals it certainly lacked nothing in the way of motion and excitement and proved to be a distinct improvement on what had preceded.

Brunswick decided to go all out in search for the vital breakthrough and had City defending from the kick off. In the 63rd minute some clever interplay between Robbie Cullen, Mike Petersen and Zinni led to the strikers third golden chance but again McNally was able to avert the danger.

City were soaking up a lot of pressure and only occasionally did they manage to mount an attack of their own but ironically when they

did they often looked dangerous.

In the 71st minute Joe Mullen squandered a gilt edged chance to give the visitors a priceless goal when he scooped the ball over the crossbar from just metres away.

Interestingly striker Steve Maxwell was playing a lone hand for his side as he often found himself alone in attack for Adelaide who decided to employ a 10 man defensive wall to keep out the opposition's forward moves.

The last 15 minutes belonged entirely to the home team. In the 79th minute a Paul Wade flick to midfielder Petersen saw the latter's shot cannon off the upright as yet another chance went begging.

Brunswick must have had at least a dozen corners in the last part of the game and one can only say that they were frustrated by a well disciplined outfit who contained and absorbed everything that had been thrown their way in a tense finale.

**BRUNSWICK:** Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Campbell, Wade, Cullen, Palatsidis, Zinni, Petersen, Patterson (subs Incantakupo and Durakovic).

**ADELAIDE:** McNally, Tobin, Nyakohu, Flounders, Mehta, Sartrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar, Shillabeer (subs Higgins and Wilde).

**FOOTSCRAY JUST'S weaknesses were paraded for all to see last Sunday as they capitulated 4-1 to Preston at the Schintler Reserve.**

Some terrible defensive errors cost the league leaders dearly.

In the second minute a defensive blunder allowed Preston midfielder Ron Campbell the chance to sneak in and score the first goal for the visitors, then eight minutes before half time Gary Cole skillfully laid the ball back for Graham Heys who made no mistake to have the league leaders reeling at 2-nil down.

The procession continued after the interval and in the 69th minute Sean Lane set up man of the match Campbell who posted his second goal and Preston's third. Four minutes later the Blues finally answered when their big defenders Vukovic scored to give them a slight chance.

But any hopes of saving this game were completely dashed when nine minutes from time Gary Cole headed home Preston's fourth goal after some good lead up work from that man again, Ron Campbell.

It was Footscray's first home loss of the season and it could prove to be a costly one.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Nikitovic, Petrovski (Bozlovski) Barjtakovic, Karic, Vukovic, Belic, Tapai, St-



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

sic, Curovic (Latiff), Spink, Lujic. **PRESTON:** Trianedis, Opaanas, Roodhouse, Ilioski, Campbell, Woodall, Heys (Van Egmond), Silvikas, Cole, Lane, McClennan.

**LAST Sunday at the Olympic Village Brisbane Lions were unlucky not to at least draw their encounter with third placed Heidelberg.**

The visitors had taken an early lead through striker Brett Drury in the 10th minute and it took Heidelberg half an hour to equalise via their fleet footed winger Peter Tsolakis.

The second half was a tight affair and Brisbane goalkeeper Evans denied the home team on several occasions.

But just when it seemed that the Lions good recent form would continue Berger skipper Theo Selemidis scored a vital winning goal four minutes from time to give his team the valuable two points.

**HEIDELBERG:** Oliver, McKie (Katsakidis), Marley, Hunter, Valentine, Selemidis, Tsolakis, Lucchesi, Pappas, Wilson, Brown.

**BRISBANE:** Evans, Hunter (Mulvey), Jackson, Liddell, Stewart J, Stewart R, Ogden, Anderson, Wright, Morton, Drury (Richardson).

**SOUTH MELBOURNE Hellas completely overwhelmed bottom placed Green Gully last Sunday and the final score of 2-nil should have been much greater.**

Hellas' greater skill was evident from the start. Indeed after just five minutes, Charlie Egan showed great skill in chipping the ball to Manny Anezakis who netted his side's first goal.

Then after a good cross from striker Chris Andriotis, Hellas full-back Bobby Russell slammed in the second goal in the 21st minute to set up an easy victory for the visitors — a victory which puts them into fifth place on the ladder at the expense of Sunshine George Cross who could only manage a draw with Brisbane City on the same day.

**GREEN GULLY:** Denys, Hogen, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Quigley (Carter), Ward, Spiteri, (Campbell), Cumming, Grimaud, McClelland.

**HELLAS:** Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowall, Halford, Miranda, Egan, Crainnie, Andriotis, Anezakis.



The Adelaide City side

## COOPER HURT IN TAME DRAW

BY GREG RUSSELL

**BRISBANE City's star Irish import Kieran Cooper was stretchered off in the second half of his side's uninspiring scoreless draw with Southern Division top five contenders Sunshine George Cross at Spencer Park.**

Cooper, who with eight goals is his side's leading scorer this season and one of the most successful ever imports to Queensland, was injured in a tackle when he was stopped at the last minute from turning a break-away into a winning goal for the home side.

Two Sunshine defenders crashed heavily into the Irishman injuring his thigh. The break was one of a number of good scoring chances for both teams, but when simple opportunities went astray in the opening minutes, it seemed the match always was going to be a draw.

With Brisbane City already doomed to miss next year's 14, but Sunshine battling to make the semi-finals, the match was more a point lost than gained for the Melbourne side.

But Sunshine had only their poor shooting to blame. Although having a reputation in Brisbane for being a negative defensive side, the Melbourne team showed rare attacking qualities in the opening minutes.

But Roger Bain missed two dream opportunities to put his side ahead. In the eighth minute he put a shot over from close range and then three minutes later when City keeper Robert Harrison completely missed a Tyrone James long throw in, Bain failed to control with an open goal at his mercy.

Bain had another attempt to score in the 17th minute but Harrison made a great save to tip over.

City were relying very much on attacking on the break and Cooper and Phil White went close with snap shots.

Twice during the half City players headed Sunshine shots off the line and during one scuffle the ball hit Cooper on the arm, bringing a loud appeal for a penalty from the Sunshine players which Sydney referee Terry Seacy ignored.

City dominated the early period of the second half and looked threatening, but the Brisbane side suffered as had Sunshine in the first half in being unable to find the net.

But while City were pushing forward they were thin at the back and an uncharacteristic mistake from Steve Perry almost let in youngsters John Markovski. Markovski robbed the former socceroo and had only Harrison to beat but the former Melbourne keeper made a fine save with his legs to keep City in the game.

The Brisbane team lost Cooper shortly after and following his substitution they never really threatened. Similarly, as the minutes ticked away, Sunshine fell back to old habits and seemed to accept that a point in Brisbane was better than none at all and the match ground to a predictable draw.

**BRISBANE CITY:** Harrison, Fabrizio, Perry, Vasquez, Archer, White, Mengotti, Catalano, Chapman (Lettieri 67), Reis, Cooper (Caird 70).

**GEORGE CROSS:** Keogh, Campbell, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, Gilder, Bain, Markovski (Lennon 78), Edwards (Mitten 71). Referee: T Seacy. Crowd: 838.

## BUDS STILL IN FINALS FIGHT

BY GRAHAM COOKE

**"WE ALWAYS knew it was going to be hard work," a relieved Newcastle Rosebuds coach Peter Irvine said after his team's 1-nil win over Inter Monaro at Seiffert Oval.**

It was probably the understatement of the season as United stuttered and stumbled their way through a match they had to win to keep their hopes of a finals place alive.

In the end they can thank the fact that although they were poor InterMonaro was so much worse.

On this showing neither side has a right to look to the future with any confidence.

For long periods Newcastle sat back and allowed Monaro every opportunity to make the running.

It was a dangerous tactic, but one which ultimately succeeded.

In the 74th minute a Monaro initiative broke down in midfield. The ball was played towards the home team's penalty area and John McQuarrie, surging forward, must have been surprised and delighted at the acres of space he had in which to run the ball past goalkeeper Steve

Hoszowski and into an empty net.

A dreary first half was remarkable only for the early departure of referee Dennis Voutsinas with a pulled muscle. Senior linesman Vince Celestino took over.

Monaro's best was Baz Giampaolo, but it was ironic that the man most likely to prise open the United defence spent most of his time playing wide.

It almost worked 21 minutes into the second half when he found his way round a couple of defenders to slip a neat pass to Attilio Carbone only for the midfielder to lose the ball in front of a crowded Newcastle goal.

**INTER MONARO:** Hoszowski, Galletti, Budini, Tuillawa, Borella (Titilas 71), Djordjieski, Carbone, Wotherspoon, D'Addario (Willcox 64), Perinovic, Giampaolo.

**NEWCASTLE:** Gosling, Maier, Jones, Bannon, Naumov, Owens, Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham, McQuarrie, Milosevic.

Referee: Dennis Voutsinas (replaced by Vince Celestino). Crowd: 303.



Monaro's Attilio Carbone.



# ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

## BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS



**JOHNNY WARREN** reminisces of the old days.

I HAVE been one of many more than vocal in my opposition to the re-organisation of our national competition for 1987.

This opposition stems more from the way, or the criteria for a place in the NSL has been decided rather than the NSL's obvious reasons for a smaller national league.

And in that area I would have to agree for there is little doubt the standard of Soccer provided for the public has dropped dramatically since the league was founded back in those exciting years — 1977, 78, 79 in particular.

Speak to players, coaches, supporters and club officials around in those days and they'll all agree the standard is not the same today.

And really that's what the drop in crowds is all about.

Those going, or those who did go to games, are not satisfied with what they are seeing.

In this respect the league's thinking to dramatically reduce the number of teams and therefore pushing the best available talent into 14 teams has tons of merit.

With due respects to Sydney Croatia, I doubt

whether they would have come anywhere near the champion Sydney City team of the early NSL years.

Sydney City, now in fourth place in the northern division, is a mere imitation of the 1977 champion team.

I would be interested in current Sydney City boss Eddie Thomson's opinion of just how these two teams compare.

Eddie of course was a key player in the 1977 team.

And that team under Gerry Chalidi, was a team in every sense of the word.

Like previous Hakoah teams it played attractive and winning football.

Hakoah in the old days were always a pleasure to play against.

The Sydney City team of 1977 era was the same. Todd Clarke, Kevin Mullen, Eddie Thomson, Henry Mowbray, Joe Watson, John Stevenson, Ian Souness, Murray Barnes, Terry Smith and Hilton Silva was the basic formation.

And whilst I realise everything seems better yesterday there is no doubt that the 1977 Sydney City side would easily beat today's line up.

But Sydney City is not the only case.

Compare the St George, Apia or Marconi teams of the early NSL and you'd come up with the same answer.

Out of fear of being accused of living in the past I won't dwell on teams from the sixties or seventies.

But there is simply no comparison with say the really great Apia sides of the sixties and the St George sides of the seventies with these clubs' current teams.

Apia's mid sixties team of Iglesias, Van Blerk, Marston, Ackersley, Hughes Bottalico, Giacometti, Wong, Watkiss, Campana, Blue and company would annihilate today's Apia as would St George's team of 1972 which won everything with Fraser, Utjesnovic, Williams, Schaefer, Hogg, Hamilton, Abonyi, Alston, Denton, Harris, Juhasz, Treasure, Morgan and company.

An old Hungarian supporter of St George in those days tells me he

hasn't been to a game for years.

And in typical Hungarian style says that if the NSL played its grand final on his front lawn he'd close the curtains and still wouldn't watch.

That of course is taking it to the ridiculous.

But the point really is that the game in its cur-

rent state is not pleasing the Soccer fans.

With the exception of Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia, crowd

figures support this argument.

If the reorganised league overcomes this problem good luck to it,

but I for one seriously doubt it.



ATTI ABONYI one of the stars of the St. George side in the early seventies.



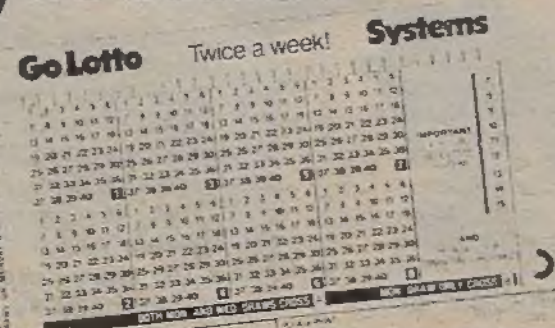
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# CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club

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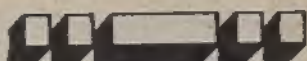
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— FROM FRANK FINLAY



THE MAPLES CUP



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BRISBANE CITY striker Kieran Cooper had a double reason to celebrate when he claimed a faint touch on City's second goal against South Melbourne recently.

Not only did the goal break a nine week goal-scoring drought for the Irish import, but Cooper's mother Mona, who is holidaying in Australia, was at the game. But those who were in line with the flight of the ball say the alleged touch must have been with the fur on the very end of Cooper's boot. To many it looked like he was some way from the ball and the goal should have been credited to Dean Milosevic.

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DAVID MITCHELL in action for Australia against Scotland last year.

WILL Wollongong City and Fairy Meadow amalgamate in 1987?

That's the big talking point in Wollongong after the Wolves failed to finish in the top five and qualify for the 14-team super league.

The clubs are backed by the powerful Fraternity Club and it seems directors of that club would like to support a united front if the two teams are to again operate next season.

A single operation with solid backing from Fraternity would certainly be of benefit to Soccer in the region.

The Wolves are already assured of good financial backing from BHP and Kern next season and most officials feel 1987 will give them a chance to consolidate.

They have the ability to send out a team capable of winning the State League and a place in the NSL a year later.

When you think about it, there could be more than one vacancy in the new league as clubs realise just how much money they will have to spend to stay competitive.

TERRY GREEDY's comment last week over NSL priorities, brought a word from NSL manager, Peter Russell. Terry was asked to change from the shorts and socks he wore in a recent St George match.

Said Peter: "The regulations call for players to appear in their correct club strips and one complainant was a St George supporter. It is a small point but remember we are trying to be as professional as possible."

REFEREE Rob Davies, took back happy memories of his first Hellas-Adelaide City derby match.

"It was a change from the Sydney scene where players don't pay attention to what you say," he said.

"I had two early cautions in each half and this settled the players."

"I enjoyed the match."

ONE player who won't be dumped from the national league next year must surely be Green Gully's Danny Ward.

With the Victorians, certain non-starters, the front runner is certain to be snapped up by one of the "super leaguers".

AND the same goes for Adelaide Hellas trio Robbie Dunn, Charlie Yankos and Gary Ward.

Word is Sydney clubs are already considering Dunn and Ward if Hellas don't make the cut-off, and there are plenty Melbourne club which would welcome Yankos back to Victoria.

IT is odds on the Nanda Cup final will be played in Adelaide between Adelaide Hellas and Sydney City.

That's the word from OASL executive director Stefan Kamasz.

There would be little interest in Sydney and even less in Melbourne, so Hindmarsh Stadium is the favorite venue under lights on Wednesday September 17 or during the afternoon on Sunday September 21.

CHRIS ACKERLEY, son of ex-Socceroo mighty defender Stan, is currently a NSW schoolboy star. Unfortunately young Chris badly damaged a knee. The surgeon has promised a first class job, which will lay him up for six weeks, after which he should be able to work his way back again.

SOCCEROO striker David Mitchell is in the news again.

The other week he scored the equaliser for Eintracht then laid on another two goals in a 3-1 win.

And he is in the best of company, flanked with a West German World Cup player on one side of him and a Polish World Cupper on the other.

According to Press reports his coach is delighted with his, by world standards, modest Australian buy.

GARY SPROUL has been doing so well in the Adelaide Hellas goal that former World Cup keeper Martyn Crook has been unable to win his place back after injury.

It will be interesting to see if coach Edmund Kraft gives the "veteran" a final fling in the last league match of the season, which could also be the last for Crook on the national scene.

FANS are certainly fickle.

More than 6000 turned up for the Adelaide derby between City and Hellas, but the following week only 1600 fronted for City's match against Green Gully.

CHRIS KALANTZIS contests a header with JIM CANT.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC supporters must have wondered what was going on when their team lost 2-1 to Wollongong City at Pratten Park.

While their big name strikers Marshall Soper and Chris Kalantzis were struggling against a very workmanlike defence, Wolves front-runners Pat Brodnik and Randell Easthorpe were causing big problems at the other end.

The two youngsters gave Tony Dakos and Mike Coady a hectic 90 minutes simply because they didn't take a backward step.

Easthorpe summed it up after the game when he said: "We don't have very much skill between us but we are both 'goers' and play for one another."

Looking back it is a pity they weren't together earlier in the season when the Wollongong team started on the slippery dip after being on top of the northern division.

The two strikers are inexperienced and still young but watch out if they are together next season.

ADELAIDE HELLAS was involved in a twist to the 10 men syndrome.

Playing against Southern giants, Footscray, they were reduced to 10 men when Robbie Dunn was sent off, but still managed to win.

Then along comes the Nanda Soccer Cup semi-final against a suspension-struck Canberra City Olympians, who had lost THREE players, suspended from a League match.

UNLESS the NSL Executive has a change of heart, as we went to press the Nanda Soccer Cup Final between Adelaide Hellas and Sydney City, will be staged in South Australia at the Hindmarsh Stadium.

The date has been set for Sunday, September 21st, if Sydney City are not in the Top Five Series.

If they are, it will be Wednesday night, September 17.



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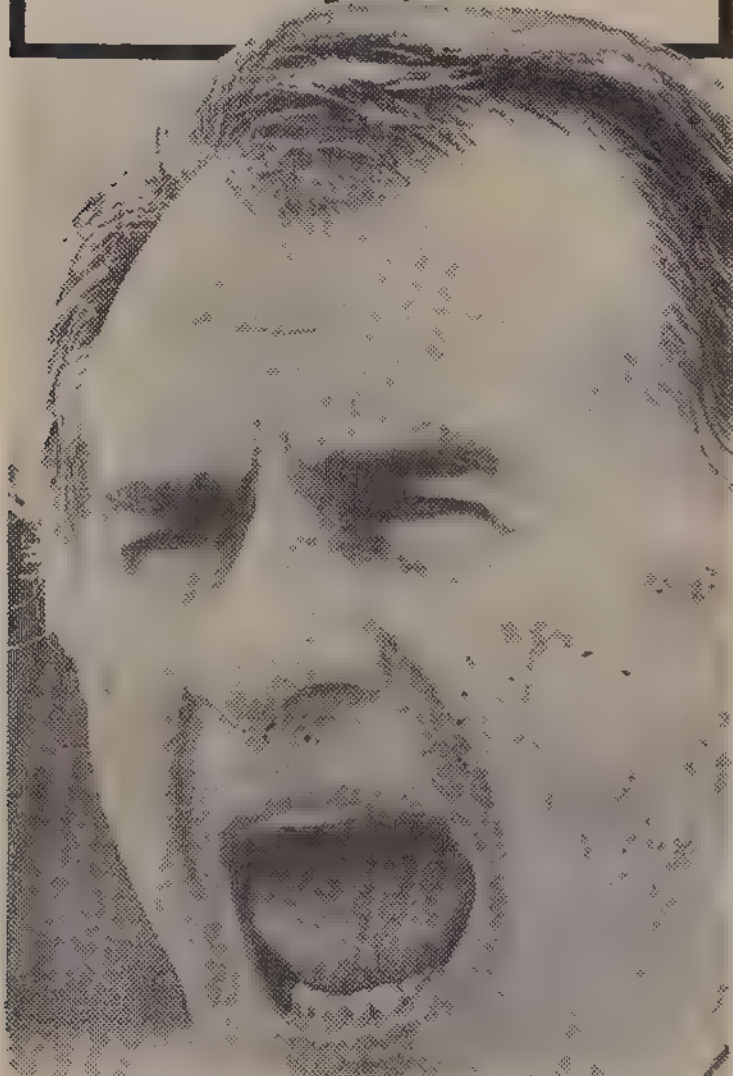
AFTER the disturbance last week at Lambert Park, ASW received quite a few phone calls from fans at the game and many differing opinions were expressed.

As we now know, several APIA supporters may well be banned from the Lambert Park ground.

A number of callers particularly complained about the behaviour of some players on the field, claiming that the provoked the crowd.

No matter what happens on the field, no-one from the terraces or stands should get involved. The referee is on the field to do an assigned job and he hands out the punishment.

It is sickening to see bottles and rocks thrown and striking players.



FRANK AROK has introduced hefty fines of up to \$1000 for players who commit reckless fouls and are sent off in the OASL from his St. George side.

Saints were of course involved in the no holds barred match with Sydney City yesterday.

Says the national coach: "Somebody has to take a stand. The important matches are turning into bloodbaths.

"I've had three of my players sitting on 10 penalty points for the past five weeks now. I've warned them that there is too much at stake to be suspended now."



IAN GRAY and TONY MORCELLO in action during an APIA Leichhardt - Marconi derby. Many people were disturbed at the goings on last Sunday at Lambert Park.

If the NSL goes through with the plan which might prove to be an overwhelming financial burden for many of the 14 clubs in 1987, at least two Wollongong City players could be the target of Sydney clubs.

Wollongong have no hope of survival in the new league if it goes ahead so there will be a few players keen to stay in the top competition. big League.

One Sydney coach has already shown an interest in Wollongong's skipper and centre-back Ray Vliestra and fullback David Green.

Vliestra has been a great servant to the club, having come up through the junior nursery in Illawarra and later the Youth squad.

Vliestra will not commit himself to anything for next season.

"The whole thing isn't finalised yet and we are hoping something will happen to change the format," he said.

Green is a speedy customer at right-back and has one asset some coaches might envy.

He is as physical as any player in the league but doesn't pick up yellow cards every week like some of the "choppers" going around these days.

## REYNOLDS IS A NEW STAR ON WAY UP

LAUNCESTON boy Kurt Reynolds has finally earned a foothold in the big league of professional football.

By JOHN TSCHEPPEA

On August 4, in Hobart, he had the honour of playing his first game for Australia, and the added distinction of captaining the Youth team, also for the first time.

Reynold's ambition from the beginning was to play at the highest level, and his determination and ability matched his aim.

A natural sportsman, he started out playing Soccer for his school side Trevallyn. He also found time to play Aussie rules and tennis and participate in athletics.

He was invited to play with the Launceston Juventus U17 squad in 1981 and worked his way through to be a regular senior member by 1983.

Not only had he represented Tasmania in

Soccer in 1980, 81, 82 and 83, he had also been a State representative in athletics in 1979.

In 1984 he was offered a scholarship to attend the Australian Institute of Sport, and so started a hard but enjoyable and successful future in the world of Soccer as a solid defender with the Institute team.

He was the first Northern Tasmanian representative to be invited to the A.I.S. soccer squad.

Now in his third year at the Institute, he has been given the job of captain - a responsibility he took in his stride.

He was selected for the Australian Youth Squad by coach Les Scheinflug for the tour by Czechoslovakia.

When it was announced that he would be captain, he said that he was

wrapt but not worried, only glad to be in the squad and, although it was an added responsibility, happy to take it on.

He has been on numerous campaigns with the Institute but his most immediate ambition will be to represent Australia in Chile in 1987.

What will his future hold?

A.I.S. coach Jim Shoulder has no doubts about Reynold's future, commenting that he "has cracked it".

And National Youth team coach Les Scheinflug adds that "Reynolds is very good in the air, he is a good talker and he organises the defence very well... I'm impressed with the youngster".

No doubt the level-headed, quietly spoken Launcestonian will achieve more in the years to come.

WHEN Brisbane City beat South Melbourne 2-0 and Lions downed Green Gully 2-1 in round 19, the statistically minded in Queensland went scurrying for their record books.

And the figures produced were amazing. It was the first weekend in 32 rounds of NSL football that the two Queensland sides had won on the same weekend. The last time they did it was in round seven on April 21 last year. Then, Lions beat Footscray 1-0 and City downed West Adelaide 3-1. The City victory over South Melbourne was their first home league win of the season and the first time they had taken two NSL points at Spencer Park since June 30 last year when they downed Footscray 3-2.

For Lions, the victory over Green Gully was only their fifth league win in Melbourne in 10 years of NSL football. The win was the Richlands side's third on the trot, the first time since 1984 that they had strung together three wins.

The loss by South Melbourne in Brisbane continued their disastrous record in the Sunshine State. In 19 games in Brisbane in a decade of NSL football, Hellas has won only four times, while City and Lions have been victorious nine times and six games have been drawn.

THE outcome of Louis Dounis's indiscretion last week was the the APIA board met midweek and fined the striker \$500 for being sent off on a charge of head butting against Marconi.

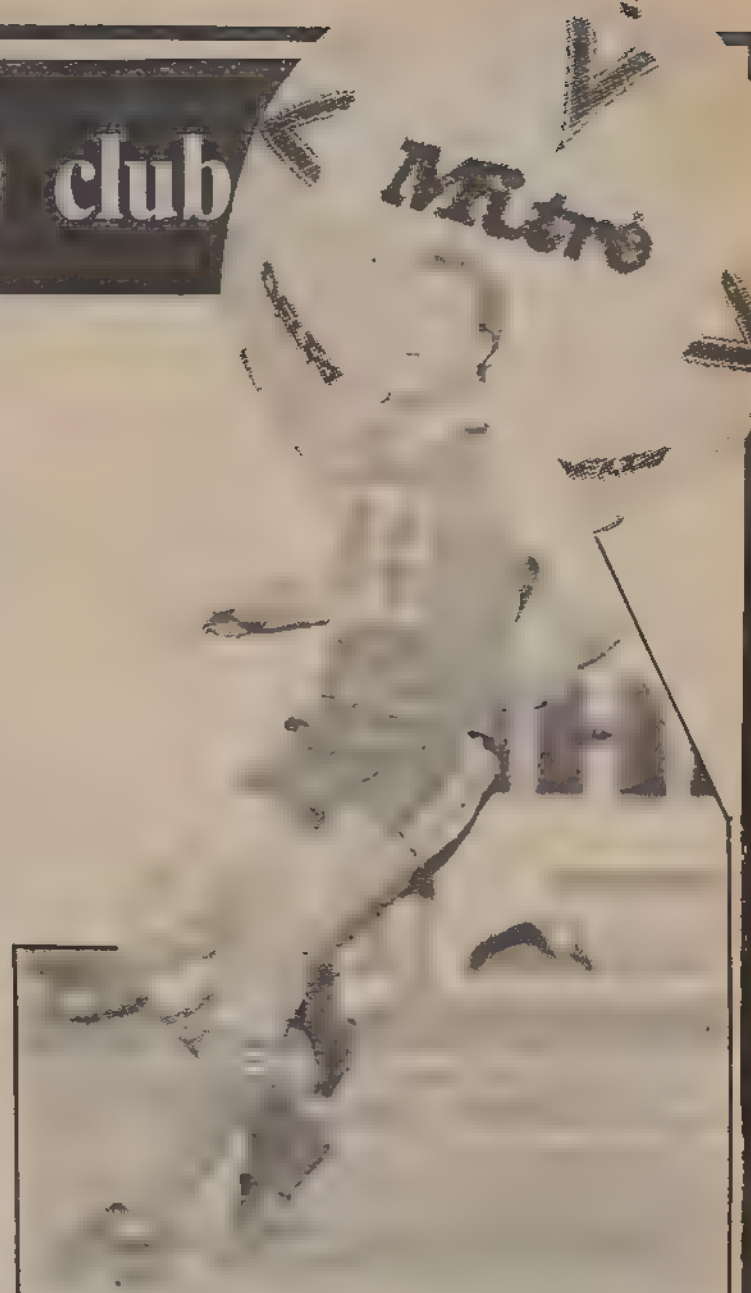
"We won't tolerate this kind of play," said APIA chairman Joe Prestia.

MANFRED SCHAEFER's secret to success on Sunday against Marconi was not to concede a goal in the opening twenty minutes.

The Olympic coach said his side had gone behind early over the last three or four weeks and had never been able to recover.

"I expected Marconi to come at us more than they did. Instead we dominated the midfield and took the game."

Special mention should go to Simon Brandt who completely shut Rod Brown out of the game.



RAY VLIESTRA in action for the Wollongong Wolves.

IT's no coincidence that the return of TERRY GREEDY and DAVID RATCLIFFE to the St. George outfit has also brought about a very good winning streak that has landed Arok's men into level second spot.

Ratcliffe, who considers himself only a day-to-day proposition because of a back injury, has been a stalwart in the defence.

Frank Arok knows the value of his strong central defender.

"He is a very valuable player both at club and national level and it would be a tremendous blow to lose him.

"He is a guy with a big heart and is determined to keep on playing with Saints, despite the pain."

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CERTAINLY APIA's resurgence in the second half of the season can be put down somewhat to the acquisition of their two Polish star imports, EDWARD LORENS and JANUSZ BARAN.

The experience and skills of these two players have had a telling effect on the Lambert Park club.



Edward Lorens

JOHN FLEMING, Wollongong City coach, has had his problems with referees this season and at times has had every reason to be critical.

John's main beef has been that struggling teams always seem to get the raw deal from certain referees. "The big name players are treated very leniently compared to players who are with battling sides," Fleming said.

Recently, Fleming was interviewed on ABC Radio and the conversation turned to referees....."What do you think makes a good referee?" asked the interviewer.

"A failed parking warden," was the reply.



DAVID RATCLIFFE



## MARCONI IN TROUBLE AGAINST CANBERRA

MARCONI next Sunday is in serious trouble when they have to travel to Canberra for their last League match against Canberra City Olympians at the Bruce Stadium.

Marconi must face Canberra without the "spine" of their defence as both centre-backs will be out serving suspensions.

Giant, blond centre-back and captain, Tony Henderson, was booked last Sunday against Sydney Olympic to rattle up his account of points that has earned him a one match suspension.

Sweeper Lee Sterrey was sent off last Sunday. Marconi now has crashed from third spot on the League ladder to sit perilously on sixth spot.

A loss against the lads from Canberra would see Marconi crash out of the NSL's 1986 Top Five Series which kicks off

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

next week.

Canberra will be no easy foe for Marconi.

In fact they disposed of Northern champions, Sydney Croatia 3-0 just three weeks ago and Sydney Olympic 1-0.

Anthony Franken, Canberra's outstanding goalkeeper, almost kept his team within strike-distance for a possible draw last Sunday with yet another magnificent display between the posts. But despite pulling off three miraculous saves, Canberra eventually went down away to Wollongong 1-0.

Canberra's Peruvian international and playmaker, Augusto Pala-

cios, missed the Wollongong match through injury, but is expected back for Sunday's match against Marconi.

Palacios has been Canberra's secret weapon in their recent victories.

Right midfielder, Tommy Sermanni said last night from Canberra: "Make no mistake, Marconi will be tough as they are fighting for their lives and we will not make it any easier for them."

Scheinflug now left without his two regular centre-backs for Sunday, could bring into the left-back position Joe Rizzotto thus releasing regular left-back, Robbie Wheatley to swing around into the sweeper's position.

But that will still leave Scheinflug one central defender short.

## OLYMPIC IS DETERMINED

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, after having seen the NSL championship slip from their grip, are now determined to hang on for the Top Five Series starting on Sunday week.

Olympic takes on Blacktown City at home this Sunday.

Olympic last Sunday played without star free-back Tony Dakos and explosive striker, Marshall Soper left the field with an injured right ankle.

Dakos' position against Marconi last Sunday was admirably filled by striker, Simon Brandt. Brandt was easily one of Olympic's

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

best players, despite the unorthodox position he was asked to fill.

Blacktown City, who kicked off the season strongly, has gradually dropped well out of the Top Five and will now miss out on next season's new format for the NSL.

But coach, Casey De Bruin, is a man who will not go down without a fight and could make

Sydney Olympic's life difficult on Sunday.

A loss for Olympic would be a complete disaster for them.

As a special added attraction for Sydney Olympic fans at their last home match for the season, an Old Boys match has been arranged to kick off at 2pm.

The Old Boys match is between Pan-Hellenic Old Boys vs Tass (Chicago) Doulaveras' Defi XI.

The Youth League match will kick off at 11.30am.

## SYD. CROATIA V W'GONG CITY



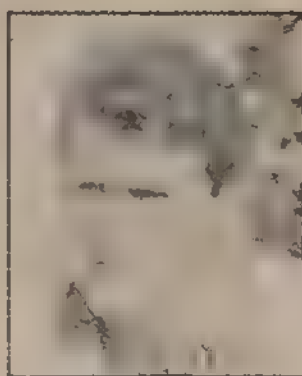
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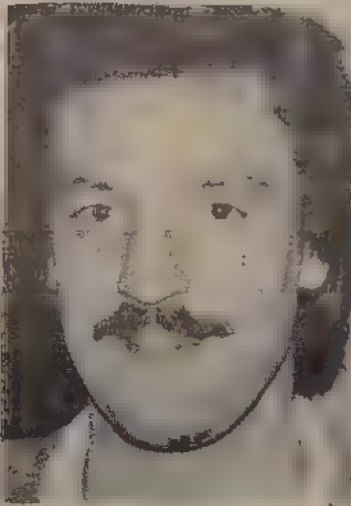
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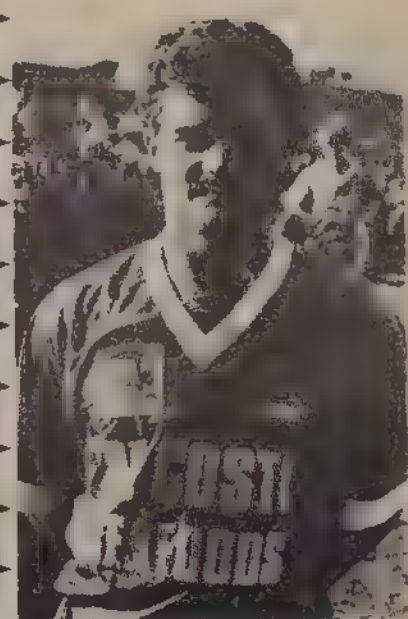
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# MELITA CELEBRATE THEIR SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP

THE champagne flowed at Melita Stadium when Melita Eagles took out the NSW State League championship for the second time ever, following a 0-0 draw with Warringah Freshwater at Melita Stadium.

BY STEVE SHELTON

Their only other State League championship was in 1980.

It was also a satisfactory result for Warringah, who needed a point to avoid relegation.

From the outset, it was clear that the visitors had come to defend.

This they did to perfection, allowing Melita only a small number of half-chances which they failed to convert.

Len Vial, Wayne Farnsworth, Howard Tredennick and Paul McFadden all had reasonable scoring opportunities for Melita while Martin Driene went close to scoring for Warringah.

Mick Berry and Don Smith played well for Warringah while Ray Farrugia and Farnsworth stood out for Melita.

An outstanding season for Melita saw them also take out the second grade and under 15s

championships while their third grade team were runners-up.

MELITA: Pupovac, Lomas (Meerani 57m), Williams, McCoy, Wilson, Tredennick, Farrugia, Farnsworth, McFadden, Vial, Callanan.

WARRINGAH: Smith, Watt, Sterrey, J. Bottalico, Berry, A. Bottalico, Speranza, Driene, Corrigan, Burke (Duckling 37m) Tkachak.

## ROCKDALE 9 PENRITH 1

A STAGGERING seven goals by striker, Zlatko Nastevski, helped Rockdale illinden thrash hopeless Penrith City 9-1 at Cook Park.

Nastevski's swag of goals, the highest number in memory in the NSW competition, boosted his tally for the season to 22, making him by far the League's top scorer.

It also made Rockdale the League's highest scoring team with 43 goals and shot them into the second spot.

As for Penrith, the hiding meant that they have conceded an incredible 20 goals in their last 3 games and during the season they conceded 63 goals.

Nastevski scored his first goal in the 10th minute after lead-up work by Paul Degney and Terry Jones.

Although his second goal, five minutes later, was hotly disputed by the Penrith players who alleged it was off-side, there was nothing wrong with his next in the 23rd minute.

To their credit, Penrith continued to try hard and pulled a goal back through Ian Hunter in the 31st minute.

However, when Nastevski notched his fourth goal, in the 37th minute, Penrith collapsed and Nastevski proceeded to score again in the 58th, 65th and 84th minutes, while Tony Genovese collected two goals in the 70th and 83rd minutes.

Amazingly, Nastevski could easily have taken his tally into double figures had he not missed three simple chances as well as hitting the bar

on two occasions.

Needless to mention, Nastevski was Rockdale's best player along with Genovese and Jim Ristevski while Ian Hunter shone out for Penrith.

PENRITH: Edwards, Hatton, Campbell, Hebb, Shaw, Jamieson, Thompson, Cross, Quarby, Hunter, McLeod.

ROCKDALE: Berry, G. Wilson, Rodas, Pilovski, D. Wilson, Degney, Nastovski, Jones, Nastevski, Genovese, Ristevski.

## AUBURN 0 KU-RING-GAI 2

KU-RING-GAI rounded off their season with a decisive 2-0 victory over Uruguayan Auburn at Chopin Park.

For so long the north-easterners have seemed definite semi-final prospects, but they were forced to settle for fifth position.

The first half was fairly even and although both sides had several goal scoring chances they failed to capitalise on their opportunities.

In the second half, Auburn looked dangerous until the 58th minute when Neil Williamson chipped a 30 metre half-volley over the keeper to open the scoring.

Two minutes later, the visitors almost went further ahead when Nigel Groome headed a brilliant cross by Aaron Ferguson against the bar.

However, they had to wait until the 81st minute for their second goal when Craig Bass put in the finishing touches after a superb solo run by Leigh Sutherland.

Ferguson and Sutherland stood out for Ku-ring-gai while Alvaro Perdomo and Fernando Mosquera played well for Auburn.

AUBURN: Rossano, O'Donnell (Piriz 80m) Tomasic, Woods, Hastie, Mosquera, Perdomo, Cuba, Calcaterra, Genc, Carizzo (Arbello 75m).

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Ogilvy, Watson, Groome, Sutherland, Williamson, Nile, Ferguson, McKegan (Bass 46m).

## SUTHERLAND 2 POLONIA 1

SUTHERLAND made sure of a place in the top four with an exciting 2-1 win over Polonia at Seymour Shaw Park.

Their 10th point in the last six games and earned them a semi-final place.

The result gave Sutherland place in each grade.

Polonia, desperate for the crucial two points to avoid relegation, threw everything at Sutherland in a non-stop effort and there was plenty of goal-mouth action at both ends of the field.

Sutherland broke the deadlock in the 59th minute when Daryl Sharp

beat two defenders inside the box and beat keeper, Stephen Anderson, with a well struck shot.

Mark Harrington extended the margin 16 minutes later after a one-two with Sharp and Polonia could only score a consolation goal in the 87th minute through George Drys.

Harrington was easily the player of the match followed by Sharp and Drys.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Parsons, Sellar, Terry, Burrows, Lerond (Hill 70m), Meades, Harrington, Johnston (Cashman 65m), Hughes, Sharp.

POLONIA: Anderson, Chau, Pratt, Robinson, Kuhwicki, Geekie, Sobczyk, Drys, Pop, Janic, Colusso.



Steve Meades

## MANLY 1 AVALA 1

MANLY-WARRINGAH ended the 1986 season with a whimper when they could only manage a 1-1 draw with lowly-placed Avala at Cromer Park.

Manly had the better of the first half and took the lead through Robbie Stuart in the fifth minute.

However, 20 minutes later, they found themselves on level terms when a chip into the box by an Avala attacker came off the head of a Manly player and sailed over the head of keeper, Bob Catlin.

Ten minutes later, Avala almost shot ahead when they were awarded a penalty after a Manly defender had handled inside the box, but a dive to the left by Catlin saved the day.



GREG MCCOY

Paul Marshall and John Dick stood out for Manly while Tom Steven and Ross Brown played well for Avala.

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, Van

Egmond, Dick, Robin, Marshall, Campbell, Dean, Allan, McIntosh (Davison 80m), Stuart.

AVALA: Thurlow, Blacktown, Divan, Brown, Steven, Viazic, Blagojevic, Jeffrey (Stamaekovic 35m), Radak, Filipovic, Marino (Frankovic 60m).



Rival coach David Croson of Croatia-Glenorch (left) and Steve Darby of White Eagles (right).

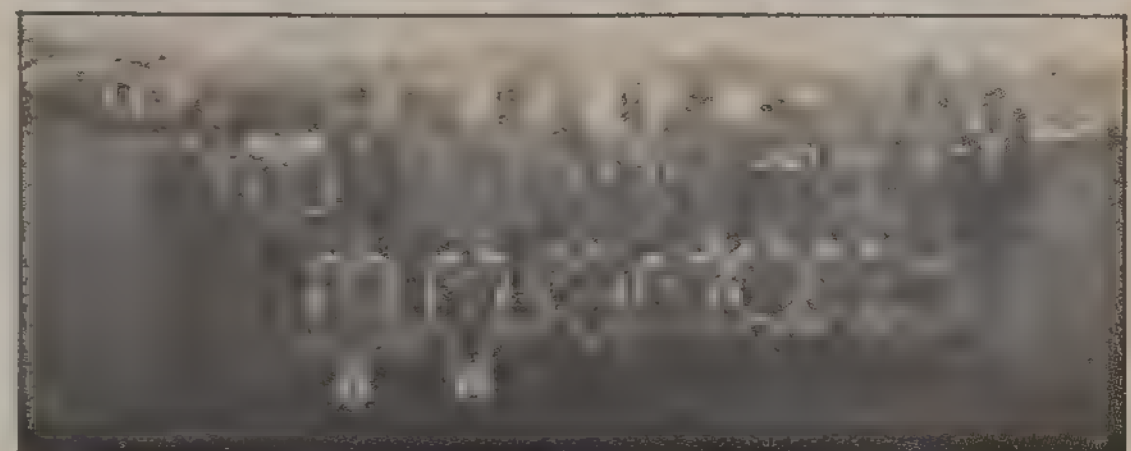
## (STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
G'ville Chile	22	12	9	1	46	22	33
Rooty Hill	21	11	8	2	42	15	30
Bondi Marine	22	10	8	4	36	24	28
West United	21	11	5	5	27	21	27
North Ryde	21	12	2	7	28	26	26
C'town Gunners	21	10	4	7	39	19	24
Mt Druitt Town	21	9	4	8	28	24	22
Uni. of NSW	22	6	6	10	32	31	18
Baulkham Hills	21	6	4	11	33	40	16
Port Hacking	22	5	5	12	28	42	15
Moorebank L'p	22	5	4	13	18	36	14
King Tomislav	22	1	3	18	17	74	5

## (STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 1) (1.9.86)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Concordia	18	14	2	2	41	14	30
Padstow Park	18	10	5	3	47	25	25
Spanish Club	18	10	4	4	48	30	24
Eastwood S/A	18	10	3	5	37	21	23
West St George	18	10	2	6	57	24	22
Sydney Uni.	18	8	6	4	41	20	22
Chelsea	18	7	2	9	37	42	16
Nineveh Eagles	18	2	3	13	15	48	7
Fairfield Kiev	18	2	2	14	22	65	6
CSI-Schofield	18	2	1	15	12	68	5

## GOOD SEASON FOR HOBART'S OLYMPIA



Olympia finished third in the Cadbury State League and helped White Eagles to the championship by beating Croatia 4-2. They must be rated a good chance to win the top-four play-offs.

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## NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

### SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

#### INTER URBAN 4th DIVISION — SEMI-FINALS

##### VALENTINE PARK 1 v 3

2nd Grade (12.30pm) Lithgow Workmens vs Murray Farm

1st Grade (2.30pm) Abruzzi vs Crescent Star

##### 2 v 4

2nd Grade (12.30pm) Abruzzi vs Macedonia Yagoona

1st Grade (2.30pm) Murray Farm vs Cyprus United

#### INTER URBAN 5th DIVISION — FINALS

##### VALENTINE PARK

2nd Grade (12.30pm) Cobreloa vs North Rocks

1st Grade (2.30pm) Orange Waratah vs Calabria

### SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

#### STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION — SEMI-FINALS

##### MELITA STADIUM 3 v 4 MANLY v SUTHERLAND

3rd Grade (11am) 2nd Grade (12.45pm) 1st Grade (2.45pm)

#### STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION — SEMI-FINALS

##### FRANCIS PARK 1 v 3 YUGAL v N. BANKSTOWN

3rd Grade (10.30am) 2nd Grade (12pm) 1st Grade (2.15pm)

##### POTTS PARK 2 v 4 GLADESVILLE v KINGSFORD

3rd Grade (10.30am) 2nd Grade (12pm) 1st Grade (2.15pm)

#### STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION — SEMI-FINALS

##### CAWARRA PARK 1 v 3 GRANVILLE v BONDI

3rd Grade (10.15am) 2nd Grade (12.30pm) 1st Grade (2.45pm)

##### GARSDALE PARK 2 v 4 ROOTY HILL v NORTH RYDE

3rd Grade (10.15am) 2nd Grade (12.30pm) 1st Grade (2.45pm)

#### INTER URBAN 2nd DIVISION — SEMI-FINAL

##### VALENTINE PARK 1 v 3

2nd Grade (12.30pm) Dulwich Hill vs Liverpool City

1st Grade (2.30pm) Dulwich Hill vs Rosebery

##### VALENTINE PARK 2 v 4

2nd Grade (12.30pm) Rosebery vs Hawkesbury Dist

1st Grade (2.30pm) Pagewood vs Hawkesbury Dist



# The State League Story

## NSW STATE LEAGUE IS TO REGROUP ONCE AGAIN

LINES have been redrawn following the recent NSW Soccer Federation meeting.

The earlier decision not to demote teams except for the last club, and to accept back former NSL clubs as well created an unmanageable situation.

BY KEITH GILHOON

Based on the fact that five or six clubs could join up, the NSW State League would almost be a Christmas to Christmas affair.

Soccer is already played on pre-season summer evenings, but this would have meant that the NSW State League Soccer player would have to be close to a 'man for all seasons.'

There never appeared

to be much chance that two divisions would be contemplated — nor should they be except in virtually a ridiculous last resort position.

Too much dilution of standards would be involved.

Bargaining has been going on. In exchange for a maximum 14 team league and demotion of

four clubs this year a contra deal is likely to be struck.

The 1986 second and third division winners would have deferred promotion rights to 1988.

The idea in the scheme is to avoid an extended season and decreasing standards.

The promotion offset scheme has been devised to spread an equality of sacrifice over all clubs involved.

This type of arrangement could herald in the long deferred "NSW Super League".



## GRANVILLE CHILE FOOTBALL CLUB

HERE is the Granville Chile first team who won the NSW State League Third Division competition. The picture was taken at their Garside Park, Granville headquarters.

## CABAN, HAYES OUT OF FINAL

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

LAKE Macquarie City will be without its top two strikers for next Sunday's (Sept 14) Tooheys-sponsored Northern NSW State First Division preliminary final.

Lake Macquarie, who eliminated Austral United from the play-off series 4-3 on penalties after the teams had finished normal time at 1-1 on August 31, is due to meet the winner of last Sunday's major semi-final between West Wallsend and Belmont-Swansea United.

But Lake Macquarie coach Ray Lloyd will have to find replacements for Kerry Caban and Scott Haynes, each of whom will sit out the final because of the number of yellow-card

cautions they have accumulated.

Both players have had much to do with Lake Macquarie's 1986 resurgence and it was Caban who scored the last penalty in the minor semi-final shootout.

Meanwhile, Austral United coach and captain, Roy Drinkwater, the former Newcastle KB United National League club skipper, will miss the first four series in the 1987 Toohey's First Division championship.

Drinkwater was cited by referee Alf Rodway after the Austral United-Lake Macquarie premiership match on August 17 and he subsequently faced the Northern NSW Federation's judiciary committee, charged with "using abusive language directed to a match official".

The judiciary commit-

tee found the charge proved and imposed a three-match suspension and a \$50 fine on Drinkwater.

His appeal against the severity of the sentence

was dismissed last week.

The extra one-match suspension follows his booking during the August 31 semi-final, in which he was allowed to play pending his appeal being heard.

## Newcastle stays on Saturday

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

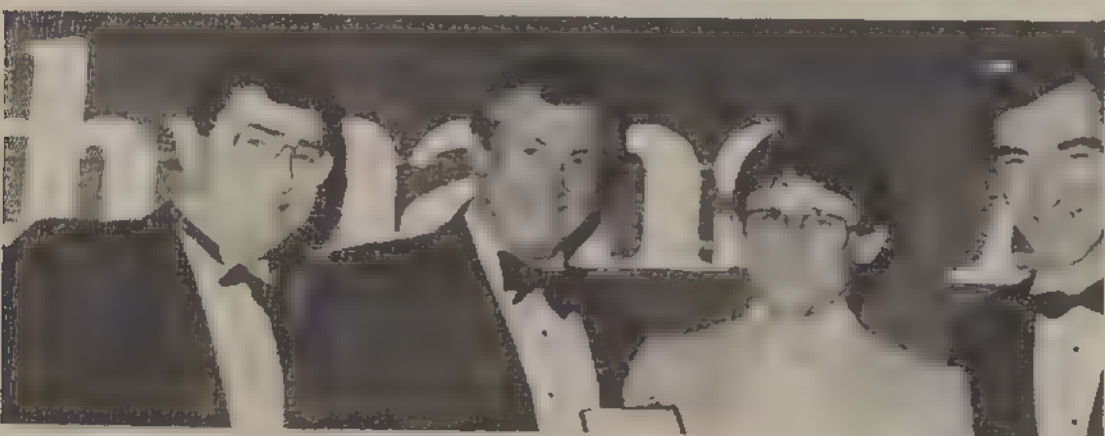
THE Northern NSW Federation — with the support of its member club Newcastle Rosebud United — has persuaded the National League executive to uphold its protest over the changed date for the Rosebud vs St George fixture next weekend.

The date for the final

match was set originally for Saturday 13, which would have been the normal day for a Newcastle home fixture.

However, so that all The Northern Federation protested immediately because the change of date caused a clash with its First and Second Division finals.

The National League executive agreed to reconsider the matter and eventually conceded that the match could be played on Saturday night, September 13.



THE Rothmans medal night is a glorious occasion for the NSW Federation. Last years winner was Henry Sobczyk of Polonia. From left NSW Federation president John Constantine, NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation Michael Cleary and far right Bob Powell.

## ALLAN GOLDSWORTHY IS WORTH HIS WEIGHT ...

ENJOYING his second season with Ku-ring-gai, Allan Goldsworthy is 26 year of age and began playing Soccer as an Under 6 with Granville Waratah.

He has played with YMCA as well as Gladesville Ravens between the ages of 12 and 18. He then played State League Soccer with Granville and Gladesville-Hornsby, before joining Dee Why in 1984.

A former striker, Allan now enjoys his left-back responsibilities which allow him regular forays down the flanks and the chance to use his strong shot with either foot. He has become the 'Penalty King', but alas this year has had little chance to use his skill in that direction.

He was converted to a midfielder when 18 and it was coach Denis Ford who persuaded him to switch to the defence five years ago.

Allan is a qualified barrister and a member of the Police Force. He obtained a Sydney University Law degree studying part-time and is now working as a Police Prosecutor.

NEALE WILLIAMSON

NEALE is 21 and has been playing Soccer since the age of six. He began with Melita, then known as Eastern Eagles, a team based near the family's then Matraville home.

When father Eric moved to St Ives in 1973, Neale and his other two brothers Ashley and Graeme registered with St Ives. The boys also turned out for the Ku-ring-gai reps.

Neale, who is known to his team-mates as 'Kenny' after the famous Liverpool player-manager and Scottish international Dalglish, made his State League debut in 1984.

Coming on as a substitute Neale scored a goal and a week later claimed a full place in the side and repeated the success.

Now in his third year of a Bachelor of Education course at Sydney University, Neale is also taking Mathematics to allow him a wider choice of teaching positions when he qualifies at the end of the four years course.

As a footballer he is maturing all the time.



NEALE WILLIAMSON

## Tasmania South

WITH "VAN DIEMEN"

OLYMPIA-WPL won the Pepsi Youth League Soccer championship yesterday without kicking a ball as its nearest rival, Rapid, lost 0-1 to White Eagles at KGV.

Olympia won the title by two points from Rapid and its final league outing on Wednesday against Juventus-Pioneer now has little significance.

Rapid went into yesterday's game with virtually no chance of wresting the title from Olympia.

There were two ways in which it could win the title, but both would have required miracles.

Rapid could either beat White Eagles by two dozen goals and hope that Juventus beats Olympia on Wednes-

day, or it could beat Eagles by a lesser but more realistic margin and then pray that Juventus beats Olympia by a couple of dozen goals.

On the day, Rapid realized that its task was hopeless and played like it.

Neither side had any real chances in the scoreless opening half but both went close to breaking the deadlock at various times in the second.

White Eagles' substitute, senior team captain Mark Leszczynski, who

## OLYMPIA TRIUMPH IN HOBART

had come on in the 55th minute for Simon Templeman, finally sealed the issue in the 84th minute when he worked his way into the Rapid penalty area and squeezed his shot under the goalkeeper.

There was some irony in the fact that only two of the Olympia squad, striker George Paplos and fullback John Fiatakis, were at yesterday's games to savour their side's title win.

In yesterday's curtain-raiser, Croatia-Glenorchy inflicted yet another defeat on bottom side Caledonians its nineteenth loss of the season.

Croatia won 3-0 to take Calies' tally of goals conceded to the

amazing figure of 90.

Paul Furjanic, a regular in Croatia's senior team, opened the scoring five minutes before the interval. Craig Griggs put Tony Kerschbaum away on the right and he crossed to Furjanic who slotted the ball home just inside the left-hand post.

Dino Di Domenico should have equalised for Calies right on half-time but he shot tamely and the Croatia goalkeeper, Robbie Johnson, cleared with his feet.

Croatia controlled play in the second half and should have increased its lead, but Kerschbaum fired over from close-range and Peters slammed a shot

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against the underside of the bar.

Kerschbaum finally struck twice to add credibility to Croatia's superiority.

He second goal, five minutes from the end, was brilliant. The youngster beat at least four defenders on a run that took him into the penalty area and which finished with a curling shot into the top corner of the net.

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# ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

## Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

### ARIS WINS THRILLING BAMPTON CUP FINAL

BULLI went through the Premier League competition unbeaten — only the second time it has been done since the league started — but found Aris too hard to handle in the Bampton Cup final.

Worth \$1500 to the winners, the final turned into a real thriller, referee Robert Robertson sending three players from the field and showing five yellow cards before Aris got home 3-2 in extra time.

Spectators certainly got value for money, Aris having led 2-0, Bulli coming back to force extra time and a mistake by Bulli full-back Phil Bragg giving Aris their winner.

Strikers Steve Quirk and John Gooding (Aris) were given their marching orders along with Bulli striker Peter Beggs.

The game marked the return to the Bulli side of representative midfielder Tony Charnock who had been in South Korea for a month.

After finishing seven years of university studies, Charnock won a scholarship to be part of a cultural exchange visit with 11 other Australians.

Bulli coach Norm Fla-



PETER BEGGS  
Bulli star

nagan welcomed Charnock with open arms as he will be a big asset to the team in the semi-

final and finals.

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Spare a thought for a young man who did it all in the space of just a few minutes playing in the under 19 semi-final at Crehan Park.

He was on the bench for the start of Berkeley's game against Corrimal but went on and almost immediately scored a gem of a goal.

Again almost immediately he was sent off for foul and abusive language.

Yes, you're right his team lost 2-1.

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South Coast Croatia teenager Rodney Williams was glad he left his sick bed to play in the major semi-final against champions Corrimal.

The younger brother of player-coach Neil Williams, Rodney had been in bed with 'flu for three days leading up to the game and wasn't expected to play.

He turned out and turned the Corrimal defence "inside out" with sheer speed on both wings, scoring a goal in each half to have his side 3-0 up early in the second half and was replaced.

Croatia won the game 3-2 and a place in Sunday's grand final but the scoreline really flattered a Corrimal team who looked disjointed from the start.

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Wollongong Macedonia will have to do something about their strike power for next season after missing a place in the State League semi-finals at their first attempt.

When they lost 1-0 at home to Auburn-Uruguay it meant Macedonia had gone 21 games and scored a mere 15 goals.

Coach John Bingham had his defence very well organised and they played their part but this emphasis on stopping goals went a bit too far.

As many supporters pointed out if their team had scored just three more goals in vital games they would have easily qualified for the semi-finals.

Bingham has an option to continue his role next season but in the immediate future he will attend a top level coaching course in Canberra before heading off to England over Christmas.

He has made it clear his ambition is to get an NSL coaching job, but if the 14-team super league becomes reality in 1987 his task would become a lot tougher.

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When Bulli played Aris in last season's Premier League grand final, ISA officials had a local radio personality helping out with the public address system.

Steve Quinn, who works on the production side of radio creating commercials, started out

with 2WL in Wollongong.

He has since moved to Sydney to 2CH and more recently to 2SM.

It may sound strange but he is hoping he won't be available to help out on the sideline at the grand final this year.

You see Quinn is the Fernhill and Illawarra striker in the thick of the battle for ISA Player of the Year this season.

He intends being on the field when the whistle blows for the start of the big game.

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Fairy Meadow have already advertised for coaches in three grades for next season and Larry Ashbolt is keen to retain to top team job.

Ashbolt took over from Mike Johnson mid-season and feels there are some young players in his squad who will show just what they can do next year after the benefit of experience in State League.

One of these is former Figtree striker Darren O'Brien, who is a tall youngster who wins a lot of ball around the edge of the box.

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Two club presidents didn't see the end of the season down the South Coast.

Wollongong City's Laurie Kelly and Fairy Meadow's Frank Saladino have both been overseas, Kelly having missed the Wolves last four games.



ADRIAN ALSTON

He was in Hong Kong frantically trying to find out the result of the Wolves match against Leichhardt and in Europe when his team had that shock 2-1 away win against Olympic.

When Fairy Meadow wound up their programme against neighbours Macedonia on Sunday Saladino was cruising the Mediterranean.

That was a pleasant way for him to wind up seven weeks in Italy.

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The Wollongong Cancer Appeal will benefit from a very special Soccer match in Wollongong during November.

Former Wollongong striker Dave Rigby, now based in Melbourne, will select a team from the southern State to travel to Wollongong.

The likes of Peter Ollerton and Gary Cole are certain starters and they will be up against a Wollongong XI including Adrian Alston, Atti Abonyi and Max Tolson.

Organiser, Terry Hurley says the game is already creating a lot of interest and celebrity games are being planned as early fixtures.

Should be worth watching and certainly will benefit a worthy cause.

## South Australia

WITH TOM MCKAIN

### ADELAIDE HELLAS INTO MAGIC 14?

ADELAIDE HELLAS won't go out of the national scene without a fight — and it will be staged off the field as well as on it.

Club president, Mr Frank Karagiannis, has made this clear as the 1978 league champions go into their final match of the season this weekend against George Cross in Melbourne.

Out of the "magic 14" for the new super league next year, Mr Karagiannis is still adamant his club will be there.

"No national league can function without a team like Hellas," he said.

"So we didn't make the 14, but we did beat most of the teams in our Southern Division at one stage of the season, we are more than financial, we have a huge following and we have one of the best grounds

in the country in Hindmarsh Stadium."

He also pointed out that Hellas was one of the founder members of the national competition back in 1977, and like many of the other clubs at that time had put their future on the line to make the league a success.

"That must be worth something," he said.

"And surely it must count towards considerations when the time comes to draw the line that we are in the Nanda Cup final against Sydney City."

While he did not mention any legal action over the league ruling about the 14 clubs, Mr Karagiannis did stress Hellas would do "everything it had to" to stay in the national scene.

"I know some clubs are talking about going to court but we have not considered such a course at this stage, and I am confident it will never come to that," he said.

While attendance figures will boost Hellas' points it is doubtful if they will go up enough to carry them into the

elite 14.

A better chance may come, as is rumoured, if some clubs say they cannot afford to be in the super league.

And there has been murmurings that once again it will be facilities, finance and numbers which will be used as the criteria for entry, and not just a blind adherence to the top 14 format ratings system.

While Hellas has slumped, its near neighbour, Adelaide City is riding high with coach

Zoran Matic more confident than ever that his shoestring squad can make a worthwhile challenge for the national title.

His side had to scramble to get back into the top four, and at one stage looked like dropping out of the Southern Division five, but they are now safe.

"The tension for our boys is over," he explained. "Now they can relax and play the type of Soccer I know they are capable of against

top opposition.

"When you play desperate teams you can be in trouble, as we and other top sides were in the closing stages of the league season.

"Now it is some of the 'big boys' who will be afraid of us, and that will run in our favor.

"We would have been happy with a top seven spot, now everything is a bonus. As we are likely to play at home at least once in the play-offs we are in with a big chance."

## Tasmania North

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPEA

### JUVENTUS DESPATCH CROATIA IN CUP

THE 4th round of the Honeychurch Cup competition saw Juventus gain a valuable two points in a do-or-die struggle to make it to the final in two weeks time.

The Group A game was seen to be the one in which both teams needed to win and the tension showed from beginning to end.

The first half was punctuated with free kicks as Juventus pressured from the outset and Croatia did well to hold them out.

Juve lobbed in many high balls but could not convert their chances.

When Croatia did get a chance to attack, it was Schiebl who caused much of the trouble. He had a hand in what was almost the first goal.

The unusual chance came when he played the ball forward - it was

flicked on and the spin deceived Dent into almost allowing it to spin into the net.

Schiebl was able to sneak behind the Juve defence on a couple of occasions to collect a ball played into his path.

With only a minute till half-time, Savill gave away the ball to Morley who hit a first time shot low to the near post to force a save out of Dent.

The second half started dramatically as Croatia, from the kick-off, took the ball into their opponent's penalty area and were awarded a penalty after it was alleged that a Juve player had attempted to trip an opponent; the opportunity was wasted as Stille blasted the ball high over the cross-bar.

Midway through the half, Koch had an opportunity to score as Hopkins played a long ball through for him to chase, but he shot wide of the mark.

With 31 mins. of the half gone, Gugliotti plastered a ball onto the cross-bar and, seconds later, Ernie Guest headed his team ahead as keeper Dennis could not match the challenge.

The second goal came when a 44th min. cross-field ball by Davidson on the left found Colin Guest sneaking in behind the Croatian defence and, with only Dennis to beat, picked his spot. Although Dennis managed to partially block the shot, Guest followed up and finished the job to ensure the points.

In other Group A matches, Western Suburbs won their first game of the season, inflicting a three goal thrashing of Matric, the team that had downed giants, Georgetown, a week earlier.

In Group B, Devonport booked a finals berth as they won an eight goal thriller, 5-3, against Launceston United.

And Ulverstone continued on their winning way by disposing of Olympic by four goals. Compagne scored two of his team's goals and Mitchell and Rayner added the others.

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# THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

## MORTON OVERCOMES DOUBLE SEASON TO SHINE WITH LIONS

BRISBANE LIONS striker Jim Morton is fast silencing his Australian critics.

The Scottish import's form of recent weeks has not only stunned those who had begun to rate him a bad buy, but has taken opposition defences by surprise.

The former St Johnstone striker and full-back was signed by Lions this year and came to Australia in March with an impressive pedigree including Scotland "B" honours.

The 29-year-old Scotsman looked brilliant in his early games, particularly those in the local XXXX pre-season tournament. Morton had a change of speed and left-footed skills which were far too classy for many of the Brisbane players against whom he was opposed.

His performances

won his selection in the Queensland team to play NSW and Morton was one of the stars in the Maroons 1-0 win. His left-wing performances even impressed Soccerroo assistant coach Eddie Thomson, who conceded Morton would fit in "very well" in his Sydney City side.

But after the state game, Morton went off the boil, as he began to be hit by a series of leg injuries. It was even more surprising than when in the past two weeks he has begun to

show all his old skills and has started again breezing past defenders.

But Morton this week revealed the reason for his slump. The likeable Scotsman simply became fatigued from the affects of a double season while the constant run of injuries had further soured what was going to be his new challenge.

Morton has been training and playing since the Scottish pre-season a year ago. He joined Lions the moment St Johnstone could not win promotion and went straight into the Brisbane team's pre-season training.

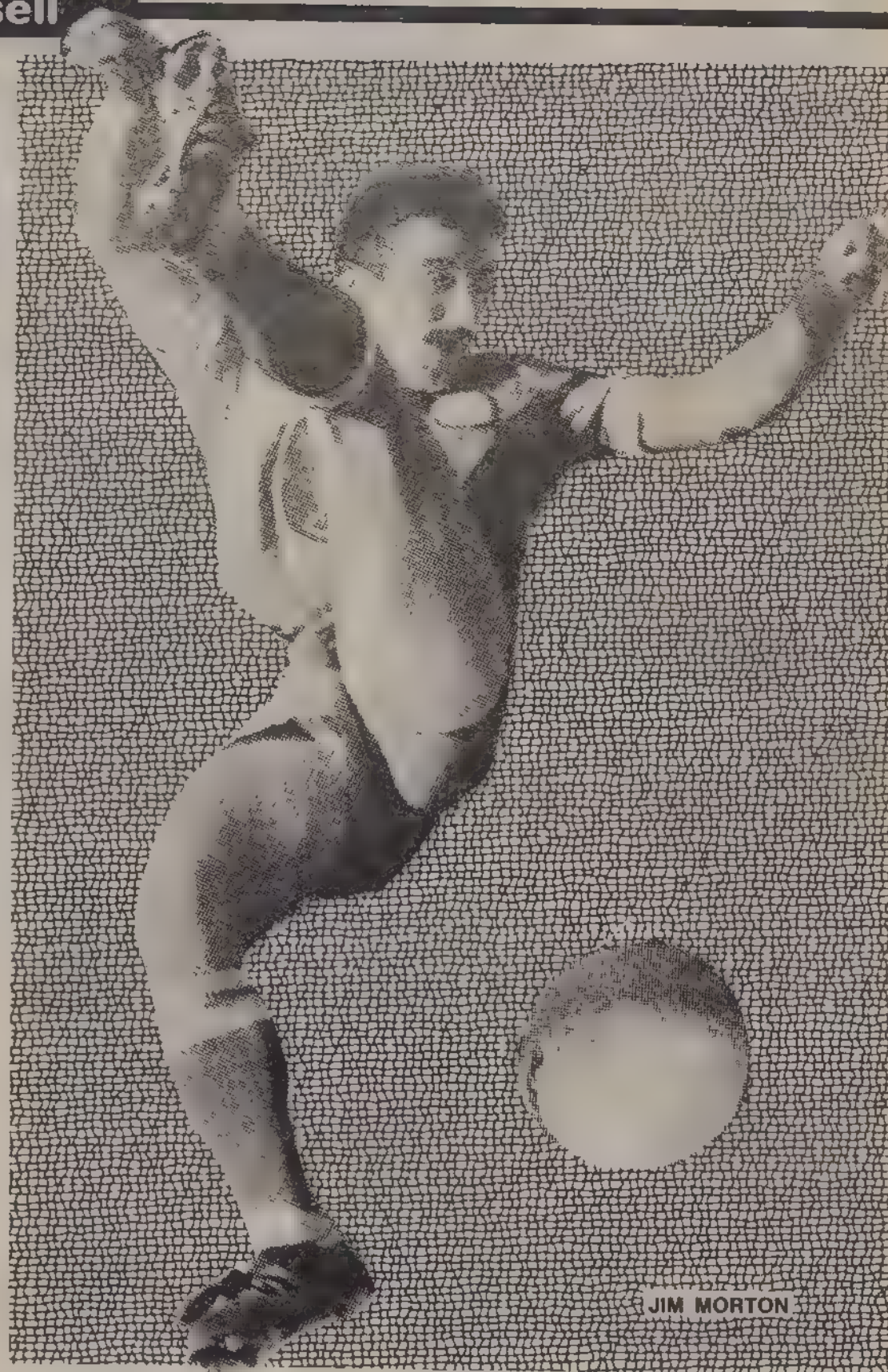
"I had just become tired. I hadn't had a break for 12 months and with the injuries and all, my form definitely suffered," Morton said.

"But it started coming back in the game against West Adelaide. I didn't have any injury worries and I really started enjoying my game. Since then the team has started winning and everyone is buzzing.

"I suppose it helps when you are winning but I am really enjoying my game now and I guess it's showing on the park."

Lions coach Col Bennett has no doubts that an in-form Morton is the key to his side doing well and in the recent match against Brunswick his halftime advice was simple.

"I just told them if they had the ball, give it to Jimmy. Everytime he got it, something happened. It's great to see him playing like we all knew he could."



JIM MORTON

## 'BENO' and 'WILKO' MAY FRONT ONCE AGAIN

DESPITE their teams being destined to finish in the bottom half of the table, the coaches of Brisbane's two National League sides look set to retain their positions next season.

And that is likely to hold for whatever League Brisbane City and Lions play in 1987.

Since Col Bennett took over at Lions from Gordon Arrowsmith earlier in the season, club directors have been pleased with the professional attitude adopted by their former player and his squad.

Apart from a short period where injuries forced Bennett to begin contemplating a playing comeback, there have been few complaints in the boardroom about the former Soccerroo.

It has taken Bennett a while to sort thing out in his team and get them to peak fitness, but he proved his worth last week when he guided Lions to their fourth consecutive NSL victory. Prior to the emphatic 4-1 win over national champions, Brunswick Juventus, Lions had never won four on the trot in the 10-year history of the National competition.

If Bennett gets the nod when the board meets at the end of the season, and any other decision would be a major shock, he intends to urge the club to attempt to retain all players.

"If we stay in the League then we have shown in recent weeks that we have a team capable of matching it with the best. And if we don't make it, then it is even more important that we keep everyone so we can win our way back in 1988," Bennett said.

The results have not been so favourable since Billy Wilkinson took over the reigns from Jim Hermiston at City this year. But the former team leftback has shown enough courage in his decisions and forward-thinking to warrant a full year next season.

When it became mathematically impossible to win their way into next year's 14, Wilkinson began introducing youngsters like Alfie

Catalano into the side. And there have been glimpses of things to come, particularly in City's fine 2-0 home win over South Melbourne a fortnight ago.

Wilkinson has advocated that a broom be put through the club's playing staff at the end of the year, and the need for that has been

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obvious for many seasons.

Wilkinson is well respected in the Brisbane Italian community and it is likely to be with great support that he will build a new team next year.



BILLY WILKINSON

## TREMENDOUS FINALE IN XXXX STATE LEAGUE

EVEN if they had used a crystal ball to look into the future, it is unlikely the Queensland Soccer Federation could have organised a better finish to their XXXX League competition this weekend.

The state's premier division has turned into a thrilling cliffhanger that has captured the imagination of all sports fans.

The race for the premiership flag and the battle for top four places was likened to the end of an Agatha Christie novel.

"It's been full of drama, twists and the unexpected," said one commentator as the top four changed yet again in the final weeks.

Six weeks ago, the XXXX League looked like drawing to a predictable conclusion. Coalstars, the President's Cup first round winners and Ampol Cup holders, were seemingly racing away with the League.

Early pacesetter Easts and North Star had fallen away slightly, but still looked assured of top four berths, while traditional favourites Ipswich United and Mount Gravatt were likely to fight out the other semi spot.

But who would have foreseen Coalstars los-

ing experienced defenders Mark McNaughton and Ian Lawrie through injury? Or North Star and Easts having horror runs with out victory then staging amazing form reversals again to rescue their seasons?

Or who at the star of the season would have thought Olympic United, who finished just one point above relegation last year, would stage a withering finish and storm into third place this year? Or who would have expected amateurs Taringa Rovers to be the leading teams' bogey side and knock the leaders off in consecutive matches?

As this weekend's final round of matches approaches, it would be a brave man who sticks his neck out and picks a top four, let alone a grand final winner.

The match of the weekend undoubtedly is the O'Callaghan Park tie between North Star and Coalstars — A replay of this year's Ampol Cup final. But the Saturday night game between Mount Gravatt and Olympic United will

be equally important. And for that matter, Easts cannot afford to drop any puts to the already relegated Wynnum. The demise of the baysiders probably has been the only surething of this year's competition.

Other games this weekend see Taringa play Lions and Ipswich host Grange Thistle, but they will pale into relative insignificance in the light of the other top four deciding games.

The OSF attributes the exciting finish to the season to the fact that thanks to their XXXX League sponsorship, there is \$10,000 winner-take-all resting on the Grand Final.

"You only have to finish fourth to be able to get through to the Grand Final and get a crack at the \$10,000. Everyone has realised that which has turned every game into a Cup Final as teams attempt to get as many points as they can in the hope other results will go their way," a OSF spokesman said.

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## BANKSTOWN COMES HOME IN STATE U11 TITLES

BANKSTOWN won the NSW under 11 State Championships for the second time in 20 years, in the series held at Rawlings Park Wagga.

The titles were conducted at this venue for the second year running and warm tributes were paid to the organiser, Mrs Di Mutch.

Bankstown defeated Granville 1-0 in the State Championship final, but Granville defeated them 1-0 for the

Metropolitan title.

For the first time in its history the Riverina team won the Country Championship. They defeated Western NSW 2-0 in a hard game.

A total of 330 people attended the series.

Bankstown coach Norm Boardman was

amongst those who praised the standard of the championships and its organisation.

Consistent rain made conditions difficult.

The rain set in as early as the end of the first game and by the conclusion of the third day the pitch was

### RIVERINA U/11 COUNTRY CHAMPIONS



BACK ROW: K. Keevil, A. Belato, C. Medena, S. Hundy, P. Little, J. Mutch, FRONT ROW: M. Gooden, R. Hersom, K. Limberger, M. Treston, D. McKenzie, M. Studdert. COACH: P. Bax MANAGER: T. Shaw.



FROM FRANK FINLAY

completely cut up.

I was really sorry to see the little Peles slugging their way through deep mud and water, and it was no fun for the goalkeepers either.

Even the most brilliant juniors from the various teams were handicapped by the conditions.

### BANKSTOWN U/11 STATE CHAMPIONS



BACK ROW: 1 to r: Scott Durrum, Darren Confoy, Stephen Dufficy, Darren Wood, Mark Clugston, Adam Fairley, Damon Gill, FRONT ROW: Garry Trudgett, Corrad Cossu, Scott Swadling, Daniel Boardman, Luke McGuire, Alan Golledge, Craig Hobbs. COACH: Norm Broadman MANAGER: Allan Fairley.

### GRANVILLE U/11 METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONS



ANDREW FOGERTY appealing to NSW Amateurs

### FOGERTY APPEALS

### SENTENCE

A FEW seconds of heat has landed Hills District central defender Andrew Fogerty in a lot of hot water.

Whilst playing for Hills at the St Johns Park ground at Auburn two months ago he admits that he saw red when a team-mate was allegedly fouled.

He was sent off and admitted to a charge of foul and abusive language.

But apparently he does not acknowledge further charges of dissent and failure to leave the field of play.

Granville District Soccer Football Association heard the case and imposed a three year suspension.

But Hills Football Club believes that the punishment is far too severe to fit the crime.

The case will be appealed to the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation and Andrew, 20, is banking on a more favourable outcome.

Andrew Polley, Glen Geppert, Shane Borg, Robert Randall, Matthew Hutchin, Gavin Farrugia, Mark Churcher, David Sherwood, Andrew Seniuk, David Heath, Lorenzo Granata, Brett Lyons, Scott Lewis.



The superintendent of Wagga City Council Parks and Gardens Mr Kerry Geale presents the State U11 Trophy to Bankstown coach Norm Boardman. Also pictured is Bankstown coach Allan Fairley.

### SYDNEY OLYMPIC YOUTH TRIALS

Sydney Olympic Soccer Club will soon conduct Youth League trials for their Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s squads.

Trials for the Under 13s and 14s commence Tuesdays, September 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and October 7th, from 5pm to 7pm.

Trials for the Under 15s and 16s commence Thursdays, September 11th, 18th, 25th, October 2nd and October 9th, from 5pm to 7pm.

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# Amateurs, Juniors and Schools

## NATIONAL SCENE

## NSW SCHOOLS WIN AT HINDMARSH STADIUM

**THE Australian Under 16 squad will be in camp at Parklea up until Friday.**

Coach Vic Dalglish and his assistant Bruce Stowell are putting the rule over the players and will come up with the final 16.

National Junior Council chairman, Harry Croft from Perth, is confident that Australia will field another fine squad in the World U16 Cup.

"Apart from Dalglish and Stowell's obvious attributes we are fortunate to have Nick Joy as physiotherapist," he said.

"Nick is a school-teacher who moved from South Australia to Queensland to take up an appointment. He is highly competent and well respected everywhere."

The young Australians compete with New Zealand, Chinese Taipei, Papua New Guinea and Fiji in December for a place in Canada in 1987.

Israel has been removed from the group and transferred to the European qualifying group.

### NATIONALS

Meanwhile NSW has taken out the under 16 nationals ahead of Queensland in Sydney, and the U13s in Perth with six straight wins.

Victoria came up under 14 trumps in the series played at Cawarra Complex on the Gold Coast.

The loss of Paul Okon with a broken leg and also David Seal from the NSW team has had repercussions with their club side, Marconi.

They are due to contest the NSW championships in October and will be badly handicapped with injured players.

THE NSW primary schools team won the Dunlop Footwear trophy for Australian supremacy in the series played in Adelaide.

They won from South Australia by three points, with Queensland third and ACT fourth.

The team started its campaign against ACT on Monday morning at Hindmarsh Stadium. NSW won the game 4-1 with goals by Andrew Pittas (2), Joseph Sabo and Ashley Penberthy.

That afternoon NSW played South Australia in a very important game and won 2-0 with goals by Dominic Usalj and Matthew Harvey.

On Tuesday NSW played Queensland at the W.T. Birkalla Soccer Ground. NSW were unlucky to draw 1-1 in this game after a goal in the second minute by Matthew Harvey.

Queensland scored a late goal to salvage a draw.

The second round started on the Thursday at Hindmarsh Stadium. NSW again beat ACT. This time the score was 3-0 with goals by Andrew Pittas and Joseph Sabo (2).

That afternoon NSW played SA. NSW won this tight match 2-1 with both goals coming from Brett Fletting. On the Friday the last match was played against Queensland. NSW won this game 3-0 with goals by Dominic Usalj and Danh Vu (2).

Despite a training schedule which was devastated by rain, NSW went through the tournament undefeated and, in fact, they never found themselves behind in a match.

They were able to score at least one goal in the first ten minutes of every match and this set the scene for some very strong performances.

The success of the NSW team was based on a very good team spirit and of course, a highly competent squad of 14 players.

— FROM JOHN CHARLTON



### THE SUCCESSFUL NSW TEAM

**BACK ROW:** Mr John Charlton (coach-Taren Point), Damien Foxe (Northmead), Brett Fleeting (vice captain-Richmond), Ashley Penberthy (Narrabri), Craig Kemp (Elemore Vale), Danh Vu (Canterbury Sth), Joseph Sabo (Ballarag), Shannon Brown (Ambarvale), Bobby Randall (Castle Hill), and Mr Geoff Bannister (manager-St Clair).  
**FRONT ROW:** Andrew Pittas (Strathfield Sth), Ted Grace (Chatswood), Matthew Harvey (Shalvey), Scott Thomas (Westport), Dominic Usalj (captain-Connells Pt), and Brett Liprini (Sylvania).

## HOWARD AND MCARTHUR MOVE FROM ST GEORGE JUNIORS TO THE BOARD

TWO well known identities from the St George Soccer Association have won positions on the board of the St George Budapest Soccer Club Ltd.

The pair are Alf Howard and Steve McArthur.

Alf Howard has been involved with Connells Point Rovers Junior Soccer Football Club since it was formed in 1966 in the capacity as coach and manager of teams ranging from U7's to U21's. He is a life member of the club.

He has been a member of St George BSC since the '60s and a short time later became involved with the St George Soccer Association by representing his junior club. He is now a member of the St George Association executive.

This is his thirtieth year involved in Soccer so a great part of his life certainly has been dedicated to the code.

Steve McArthur first played Soccer with Carss Park Juniors and in 1967 was a ball-boy at St George home games at Hurstville Oval.

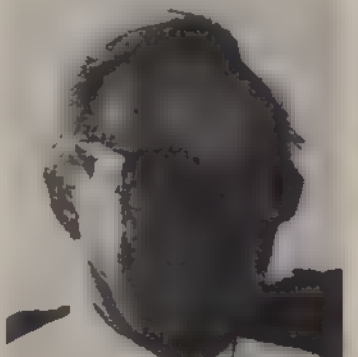
He has been actively involved with the St George Youth League teams since 1982 when he took over as Manager to one of the teams and in 1983 started as a coach, a position he still holds.

He is a school teacher, having recently been appointed to Caringbah High after eleven years at Narwee Boys High School, where he also held the position of sportsmaster.

Steve was born in the St George district and has lived there all of his life. He is certainly well known to many local people.



STEVE MCARTHUR



ALF HOWARD



Jason Whant

## APIA SOCCER CLUB

### 1987 ANNUAL YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

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Trials for U/13 and U/14 every Monday

Trials for U/15 and U/16 every Thursday

All trials to commence sharply at 6pm.

Trials will be held on the following dates:

#### U/13's & U/14's

September 15  
September 22  
September 29  
October 6  
October 13  
October 20  
October 27



#### U/15's & U/16's

September 18  
September 25  
October 2  
October 9  
October 16  
October 23  
October 30

For further information contact either Tony Raciti on 799 4458 (from 11am-10pm) or Vince Aiello on 212 5963 (BH).  
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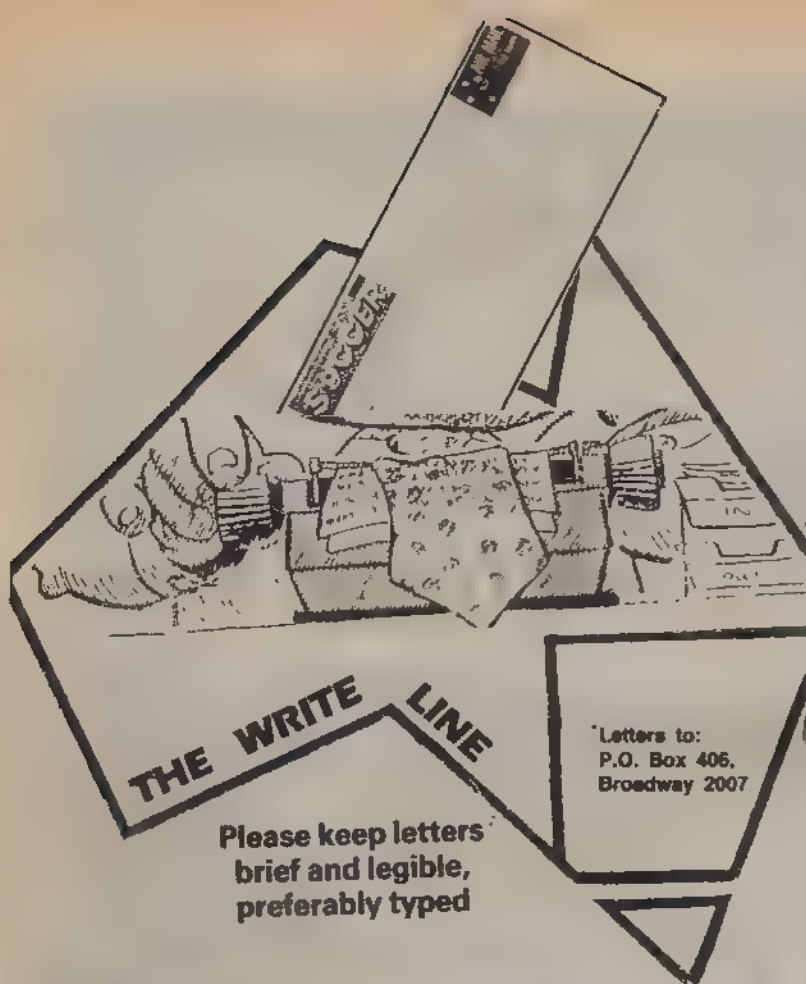
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## DISAPPOINTED SCHOOLGIRLS

ON READING Australian Soccer Weekly Tuesday, August 19, 1986. I was bitterly disappointed in that the boys' Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, between Epping and Birrong Boys High got a mention.

The girls final was played on the same night between Penrith High and Canterbury Girls' High and didn't get a mention.

We feel that girls and boys Soccer should be equally supported. We feel that it is sexist.

Sharon Jo

Penrith High School.  
Kingswood 2750

*Sorry about that, Sharon Jo. Our opinion is that the girls are more than equal! Congrats on the win, great pic cover-see August 26 ASW.*

## MAIER, LOWE AND NORTH COAST

I do hope that you will allow me to correct an anomaly by Johnny Warren in his World of Soccer in the Sun Herald, 17.8.86, in which he started that Tommy McCulloch captained and lead the Australian Youth team in the World Youth Championship finals in Mexico, 1983.

It is not that I am writing merely with the idea of contradicting Johnny, or to detract from Tommy's ability or prestige, but really to set Johnny's record straight.

Our Newcastle lad Ralph Maier, who was vice-captain, captained the Australian team against Scotland, whom they defeated 2-1

Not only did he lead the team well, but he also played with great distinction, in fact he is still playing with distinction with the Newcastle Rosebuds United, (what a great goal he scored against Marconi).

He is one of the few young players who remained faithful to his club and team despite tempting offers from Sydney clubs.

Another young Newcastle player, David Lowe, also played with distinction that day - in fact it was his skill which was responsible for the winning goal against Scotland.

He took on the Scottish defence and with three Scottish players on him he put a perfect cross from the goal-line to the goal scorer.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate you on the content and quality of the A.S.W. which I enjoy every week, but I think that you should try and find more Soccer content about Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and even further north.

For example I regularly go to Sawtell for my holidays and I have to order my A.S.W.

Sawtell and Coff's Harbour are strong soccer centres

JACK MENNIE,  
GATESHEAD WEST 2290

Thank you for your note. Arrangements have been made for more Newcastle cover from our regular correspondent Dave Williams. Regarding the North Coast we would be glad to receive news from people in the area - Ed.



DAVID LOWE

## IMPROVED REFEREEING

AS an avid Soccer supporter I was extremely disappointed with the refereeing display at Marconi Stadium on Wednesday evening August 13.

I believe that Manny Loupis was very inconsistent and blatantly dubious in his decisions. So much so that a large section of the crowd because hostile towards Mr Loupis, and in a way I can not blame them

In my opinion he should not be allowed to control vital NSL fixtures worth valuable competition points

I feel sorry players and coaches who have worked hard for nine months to reach a certain position on the competition ladder to see their hopes dashed, not by the opposition, but by an incompetent referee.

Unfortunately this is not an isolated case of substandard officialdom

Therefore, as the leading Soccer publication in this country, I ask you to push for a better refereeing standard. This could be done by making the referees inspector's reports public.

Then at least the Soccer community would be aware of what happens in the case of a bad refereeing performance

Whatever is done, I hope it is done soon, as Soccer supporters will not continue to put up with whistle happy men in black.

Joanne Taylor  
SYDNEY.

## PROGRESS, PRIDE & PREJUDICE

CONGRATULATIONS John Warren for brushing away from the fantasy world that most Soccer scribes are imprisoned in by printing the George Azzopardi letter

His argument is 100% correct and Soccer in general needs more people like him to come forward with

sound reasonable arguments or home truths if the game is ever to make real progress.

Could I add to the debate with a few useful pointers.

Firstly while I agree that the closest we came to a real Australian Soccer style was with the 1981 Young Socceroos, but was this not only a modified version of the style played by the great Canterbury teams of the late fifties and early sixties, which itself was only a variation of the type of Soccer played by district Soccer clubs at in Sydney Newcastle and Wollongong for countless years before.

More recently we saw flashes of this style of football at times by the now defunct Newcastle KB United team.

As well, it would appear that this style of football not only suits the local players but also is preferred by most would-be spectators.

Secondly there is another factor that greatly impedes our young players from reaching their full potential - excepting in the Newcastle area - and this has never been aired publicly to my knowledge

In Newcastle, unlike other cities and towns where there is a lot of junior Soccer played, the game though much devalued is still one that commands a high degree of widespread public support and respect.

This gives the young players more incentive, pride and belief in their game (our game), and subsequently they can and do go further and achieve more at a higher level in Soccer.

But in Sydney and elsewhere at a certain time our young players are subject to a very effective ANTI SOCCER propaganda campaign by the very powerful ANTI SOCCER lobby.

This very effective negative ANTI SOCCER campaign based on emotion, prejudice, peer pressure ignorance and what ever its takes, is something which has never been effectively challenged.

It has the effect of

demoralising many of our young juniors who become disenchanted, confused and in many cases they drop out.

Those that don't drop out often develop what I call a Soccer inferiority complex, which inhibits them reaching their full potential

In the end it comes back to a basic fact of life that it does not matter what endeavour you are pursuing if you do not have a total commitment, belief and pride in what you are doing or trying to do, you cannot succeed.

It seems to me this is a real problem and the ANTI-SOCCER lobby seems to be fully aware of this and exploits it to the full.

Finally I hope you and ASW will print more sound and controversial letters like the Azzopardi letter - there is a lot that needs to be said.

The real situation for Soccer in NSW and probably Australia is the gravest it has been for more than thirty years. This is not a Soccer crisis but a disaster.

Soccer Fan,  
Paddington.

Name and address supplied.

*Congratulations on many of your insights. They are far ahead of those held by most top administrators in the game. -Ed.*

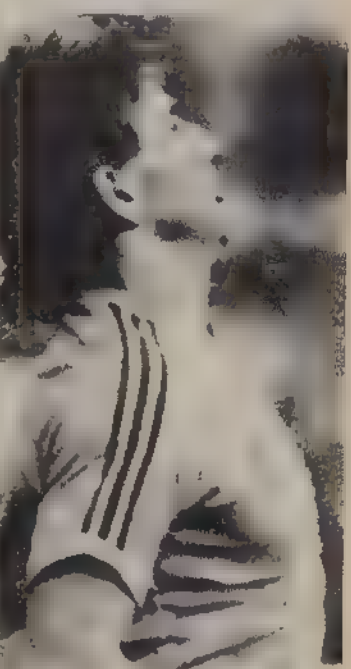
## QUEENSLAND FOREVER

AFTER reading your Australian Soccer Weekly last week, it does amaze me about some of your top writers, who are supposed

to be very knowledgeable in the game of Soccer

Mike Johnson mentioned about people criticising coaches and also letting players alone.

I wrote mainly about Frank Arok, but to me it was constructive criticism mainly about Russell Stewart and Queenslanders who to me can play Soccer just as well as NSW players. Incidentally I have no grudge against the players themselves down South.



JOHN KOSMINA

When John Kosmina mentioned in the front page about players who are not committing themselves properly, well I know what he means

You can rest assured Russell Stewart is a Soccer player who will give a 110% not 100.

With Brisbane Lions winning three matches now together there might be a chance of them surviving in the new NSL concept which is supposed to be laid down for next year.

Samuel McGregor,  
Inala 4077.



THE Penrith High School girls, proud winners of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Shield, snapped after the final at Marconi Stadium.



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# THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

## JULIE DOLAN SHOOTS STRONG NSW AHEAD

THE outstanding ability of former Australian captain Julie Dolan is pointing NSW towards a win in the 1986 National Women's Championships being played at Para Hills in Adelaide.

The results to date indicate that NSW will easily retain the title that they wrested from South Queensland last season.

At the end of Day 5 and with Queensland drawing with Northern

NSW and NSW defeating ACT 3-0, NSW (10 pts) leads next placed Northern NSW (7).

NSW overcame Queensland, one of their toughest rivals, with goals in the 2-0 win coming from Julie Dolan and another polished performer, Kim Lembryk.

Victoria tested NSW thoroughly, but the holders ran out 1-0 winners.

Dolan scored the second NSW goal in the 2-0 win over Northern NSW on Saturday.

A left-footed drive from Dalys Carmody gave NSW an early break, and then a diving header from Dolan finished off the Northerns after Sharon Young had crossed from the right.



As usual, NSW coach Alan Lytton spread the matches amongst the members of the squad.

Although perhaps unlikely, it seems that only home state South Australia could cause an upset against the New South Welsh-women.

As expected ACT's Julie Murray has shone. She collected both goals in the 2-0 win over Northern Territory.

## YOUNG'S KYM KEEVIL IN BOYS' TEAM

FROM FRANK FINLAY

A 10-year-old Young girl stole the limelight in the 1986 NSWASF's U/11 State championship held at Wagga.

Kym Keevil played a major part as a midfielder for the Riverina team which won the Country title for the first time ever.

Kym attends St Mary's Catholic School at Young. She has been playing since she was four years of age.

She plays in the Young town competition and is also a member of her school team.

She told me she loved the game and was not worried about being amongst boys. She was the only girl playing in the three-day championship. Her ambition is to represent Australia.

— FRANK FINLAY



KYM KEEVIL from Young is right on the ball as she turns out with the successful Riverina team at the 1986 Under 11 Championships in Wagga.

## GAIN WITH ACT

THE decision to link up with the ACT has given players in Albury-Wodonga, the only Women's Soccer association in the area, an unrivalled opportunity to obtain state recognition.



● Amanda Wilson has been selected in the ACT State women's soccer squad



JULIE DOLAN ... right on target.

## NSL RESULTS

### NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (G Arnold 2, Z Odzakov) CANTERBURY 0 at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 3274.  
ST GEORGE 2 (R O'Shea, D Ratcliffe) SYDNEY CITY 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1550.  
WOLLONGONG 1 (P Brodnik) CANBERRA 0 at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1121.  
LEICHHARDT 2 (A Bertogna, T Butler) BLACKTOWN 0 at Toongabbie. Crowd: 1102.  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (P Tredinnick og C Kalantzis) MARCONI 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2973.  
NEWCASTLE 1 (J MacQuarrie) MONARO 0 at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 303.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	13	4	4	40	16	30
Sydney Olympic	8	9	4	32	22	25
St George	10	5	6	31	28	25
Sydney City	8	8	5	36	25	24
Newcastle	9	6	6	35	31	24
Marconi	8	7	6	32	23	23
Leichhardt	8	6	7	22	23	22
Wollongong	8	5	8	24	25	21
Blacktown City	8	4	9	24	35	20
Canberra	5	6	10	21	24	16
Canterbury	2	7	12	17	38	11
Monaro	3	5	13	16	40	11

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRUNSWICK 0 drew with ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1000.  
BRISBANE CITY 0 drew with SUNSHINE 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 838.  
ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (R Dunn, L Hristodoulou) drew with MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (L Abrahams, P Lewis) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2500.  
PRESTON 4 (R Campbell 2, G Heys, G Cole) FOOTSCRAY 1 (V Vukcevic) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 6043.  
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (M Anezakis, B Russell) GREEN GULLY 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1117.  
HEIDELBERG 2 (P Tsolakis, T Selemidis) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (B Drury) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 2000.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	10	7	4	28	26	27
Brunswick	10	6	5	34	21	26
Heidelberg	9	8	4	35	23	26
Adelaide City	9	7	5	30	19	25
South Melbourne	10	5	6	27	17	25
Sunshine	7	11	3	22	15	25
Preston	7	9	5	26	20	23
Brisbane Lions	7	4	10	26	27	18

Adelaide Hellas	7	4	10	24	30	18
Melbourne Croatia	5	6	10	22	32	16
Brisbane City	3	7	11	18	42	13
Green Gully	2	6	13	15	35	10

### NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	23	21	1	1	107	11	43
Blacktown	23	14	5	4	51	37	33
Sydney City	22	14	2	6	49	23	30
St George	23	13	3	7	68	39	29
Marconi	22	12	3	7	43	34	27
Canberra	23	12	3	8	52	49	27
APIA	23	8	5	10	37	40	21
Sydney Olympic	22	7	7	8	32	41	21
Wollongong	23	8	3	12	36	55	19
Sydney Croatia	23	5	5	13	28	47	15
Newcastle	23	4	5	14	22	51	13
Canterbury	23	3	4	16	21	62	10
Inter Monaro	23	2	4	17	18	75	8

### Sat 6th Sept.

AIS 3 (Naven, Koch, P. Foster) WOLLONGONG 0

### Sun 7th Sept.

ST GEORGE 1 (Boogaard) SYDNEY CITY 3

(Harper 2, Ludy)

WOLLONGONG 3 (Arcosa, Diel, Brown) CAN-

BERRA 2 (Marcina, Hargraves)

MARCONI 3 (Russo, Markovski, Ienco) OLYMPIC 1

(Mazzotta)

BLACKTOWN 4 (Larkin, Moffett 3) APIA 0

CANTERBURY 1 (Adamou) CROATIA 4 (Caleta 4)

INTER-MONARO 1 (Sellen) NEWCASTLE 2

(Caisley, Nicholson)

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## TNT SKYPAK

THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

### TNT SKYPAK STATE LEAGUE DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	22	10	9	3	41	13	29
Rockdale	22	12	4	6	43	23	28
Manly W'gah	22	10	8	4	26	13	28
Sutherland	22	11	6	5	27	17	28
Ku-ring-gai	22	9	8	5	23	17	26
Wollongong	22	7	9	6	15	15	23
Warringah F/W	22	8	5	9	31	33	21

## The National Scoreboard

Auburn	22	6	9	7	19	24	21
Polonia	22	6	6	10	29	35	18
Avala	22	6	6	10	21	32	18
Penrith City	22	6	2	14	31	63	14
Fairy Meadow	22	4	2	16	22	43	10

### TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Melita Eagles v Warringah F/Water	0-0	2-1	3-0
Uruguayan Auburn v Ku-ring-gai	0-2	4-2	Ku for
Manly Warringah v Avala	1-1	3-0	4-2
Sutherland v Polonia	2-1	2-0	2-2
Penrith City v Rockdale (Iinden)	1-9	10-1	0-0
Fairy Meadow v Wollongong Mac	1-0	2-2	0-5

### STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Bankstown Lebanon v SSC Yugal	0-0	0-2	BL for
Bathurst '75 v Blacktown United	0-0	0-2	0-0
Campbelltown City v Gladesville Hornsby	0-1	1-2	0-2
Canterbury & Dist v North Bankstown	0-5	1-5	1-0
Kingsford Hellenic v Queens Park	0-2	2-2	2-0

### STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Nth Ryde RSL v West United	3-0	8-0	1-3
Campbelltown Gunners v Baulkham Hills	3-2	1-1	0-3
Mt Druitt Town v Rooty Hills	2-3	0-6	0-1

### INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Padstow Pk v Eastwood	2-1	
Concordia v Spanish Club	3-1	
Padstow Pk v West St George		0-1
Eastwood v Chelsea		0-2

### INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Greenisland v Rangers Hadjuk	1-0	
Haberfield v Welcome	0-3	
Greenisland v Rangers Hadjuk	2-1	
Concord Jnrs v Colo Colo	2-1	

### (STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 1) (1.9.86)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SSC Yugal	21	16	2	3	53	20	34
Gladesville Hby	21	14	3	4	46	17	31
Nth Bankstown	21	13	2	6	35	15	28
Kingsford Hel.	21	13	2	6	35	21	28
Blacktown Utd	21	8	6	7	20	16	22
Dee Why	22	7	7	8	13	25	21
C'town City	21	7	6	8	27	25	20
Bankstown Leb.	21	6	5	10	25	31	17
Queens Park	21	8	1	12	26	39	17
Bathurst 75	21	5	6	10	18	26	16
Artamon	22	4	7	11	17	34	15
Cant. & Dist.	21	2	1	18	11	57	5

## VICTORIA

### State League

Caulfield City 1  
Fawkner 3  
Northcote 2 Ring-  
wood 2  
St Albans nil Box Hill  
nil  
Croydon nil Polonia  
nil  
Springvale 1 Mel-  
bourne nil  
Thomastown 1 Frank-  
ston Pines nil  
Western Suburbs nil  
Morewell Falcons 3

Croydon 34  
Morewell Falcons 30  
Box Hill 29  
St Albans 29  
Frankston Pines 29

### SOUTHERN DIV:

Melbourne Croatia 3  
Brighton 2, Green Gully  
0 drew with South Mel-  
bourne 0, Brunswick  
Juventus 1 Nunawading  
0, Preston 3 Footscray  
1.

## QUEENSLAND

### Queensland XXXX League

Grange Thistle 2 Wynnum nil  
Taringa R 1 Olympic Utd 1  
Coalstars 2 Mt Gravatt nil  
North Star 2 Easts 1  
Lions 2 Ipswich Utd 1  
Coalstars 23  
North Star 22  
Olympic 20  
Mt Gravatt 19  
Easts 18  
Lions 17  
Ipswich Utd 17  
Taringa 15  
Grange Thistle 13  
Wynnum 6



# Wide World of Football



## Uruguay hunt Borrás —

a frightened  
manager

in disgrace

# NO HIDING PLACE



OMAR BORRAS, on the run.

Scotland's players were understandably bitter. Manager Alex Ferguson was so disgusted with what he saw he brought forward the date of his return to club management with Aberdeen.

Borrás publicly took the blame for Uruguay's poor showing in Mexico. But when he returned to Montevideo he was shocked by the strength of feeling against him and promptly slipped quietly onto a plane bound for Europe.

Meanwhile the infuriated Uruguay authorities still await the official report on the World Cup campaign he was charged with producing on his return from Mexico.

Our source added: "All our First Division chairmen got together when they heard of his hasty departure. They voted to strip him of all his coaching posts, credentials and authority and he is now charged with dereliction of duty."

Good for Uruguay! While managers with the Borrás mentality are allowed to work in the game, fans will turn their backs on it.

**O**mar Borrás, manager of the cynical and brutal Uruguay team that cast the only dark shadow of calculated intimidation across the Mexico World Cup, is hiding in Europe.

Borrás, who broke all records by lasting as national manager for four years, was a hero when he led Uruguay to the South American Championship at the expense of Argentina and Brazil.

The man who bullied the Uruguayan F.A. into making an unprecedented financial effort to bring home 14 international 'exiles' was again a hero when he shook off the challenge of Chile and Ecuador to reach the 1986 World Cup Finals.

But once the tournament began, Uruguay turned back the clock to darker days. Shelving their unquestioned skill, flair and exciting attacking potential, they executed Borrás' orders to achieve success at the expense of ethics.

### Thuggery

By the time Argentina knocked them out in a second round tie almost comically polite following FIFA's thundering warning to cut out the thuggery, Uruguay had become the most hated team in the world.

To their credit, the Uruguayan F.A.

acted without delay ... and Borrás is on the run. The good news is that there's no hiding place.

A Uruguayan source told us: "The man is finished in our football. He is in disgrace."

"His name is enough to anger our people and his handling of our World Cup dream is attacked as brutally as some of our team's opponents were in Mexico."

"Borrás has been sacked and charged with bringing the nation's game into disrepute. His ultra-defensive tactics were shocking, especially when you see the number of talented, attacking and exciting players at his disposal. Men such as Enzo Francescoli, Mario Saralegui, Jorge Da Silva and Miguel Bossio."

"We are ashamed of what has happened and we must show the world that our game is not as depicted by the Borrás team of 86."

Reduced to ten men through their own foul play, Uruguay were decimated by Denmark 6-1. After scoring an early goal against West Germany and using all 11 players in a defensive shell to try and hold that lead, Klaus Allofs brought the house down with a late equaliser which left Uruguay needing a point from their last game with Scotland to go through.

What followed was a disgrace. Batista was sent-off in the first minute for chopping in on the back of Gordon Strachan's legs and for the next 89 minutes naive Scotland were spat on, punched, tripped and kicked in a sickening spectacle that had nothing to do with football.

As a result of this exhibition — and the behaviour of Borrás on the bench — FIFA threatened them with expulsion.

It was made clear by Hermann Neuberger, chairman of the World Cup organising committee, that this warning was based on reports of Uruguay's behaviour in all three qualifying games. Borrás was banned from the touchline and Uruguay fined 25,000 Swiss francs.

Graeme Sharp has his hair pulled.



Even the red card could not stop Uruguay's cynical tactics.

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# FRED GOODWIN EDGED OUT IN KIWI COACHING STAKES

**FRED GOODWIN**  
former Kiwi  
assistant coach

**ENGLISH DIVISION**  
**FOUR**  
4 — Sean McCarthy (Swansea)

**SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION**  
8 — Mo Johnston (Celtic)  
5 — Willie Miller (Aberdeen)

**AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S**  
C'SHIP at Para Hills, Adelaide.  
Day 5: South Qld 1 (D Fredrickson) drew with Northern NSW 1 (M Burke). Vic 1 (J Melvin S Bass R Robertson D Nichols) b NT 0. SA 0 drew with Tas 0. NSW 3 (K Lembrick J Riddington) b ACT 0. Monday rest day. Prog. Table: NSW 10pts, Northern NSW 7, Vic 6, Qld 6, ACT 4, Tas 3, SA 2, NT 2.

**AUSTRALIAN UNDER 14**  
C'SHIP at Carrara, Gold Coast.  
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**NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE**  
at Revesby: Saturday: Sydney Tornados 4 (Erisinosman 2 Stewart Jelfer) b Brisbane Buffalo Bombers 3 (Baird 2 Simpson). Toradours Spartans NSW 5 (Akkari 3 Bachich 2) b Brisbane Metra Bombers 4 (Shelley 2 Simpson 2). Lotto Allstars NSW 4 (Ross 2 Moon 2 Darrin) Sydney Tornados 4 (Osmon 2 Gilligan Knight). Sunday: Lotto Allstars NSW 4 (Moon 3 Strongquist) b Brisbane Metra Bombers 0.

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# The British Football Scene



## DORIGO ALSO MAKES IT!

ANOTHER Australian has gone ahead and made the English international scene.

Young TONY DORIGO of Adelaide and now of Aston Villa has followed in the footsteps of Craig Johnston of Liverpool and been selected in the England Under 21 squad.

Like any youngster with football in his veins, Dorigo dreamt of international recognition from the day he first kicked a ball.

Now he has made it... but not until after an eternity of trying to work out which country he should aim to represent.

His Italian father obviously wanted to see young Antonio pull on the famous Azzurri shirt of Italy. His English mum wanted to see the

Lions over his heart and Tony's mates in Adelaide reckoned that, as an Australian, he should be a Socceroo.

Yet Dorigo was in no doubt from the time he signed for Villa two and a half years ago as a full-time professional. He set out to represent England. It seems to be a case of mum knows best once again.

Now like Johnston before him Dorigo is lost to Australian football. Despite attempts from the ASF he was determined to play for his adopted country.

Dorigo makes his debut in the Under 21 international against Sweden this week, the

first step to making the full England squad.

He has certainly come a long way from the shy teenager who was handed a reference by Justin Fashanu, then on a guesting stint with Adelaide City.

During that time Dorigo, a mere 15-year-old, played a handful of games in the then Phillips Soccer League.

Tony wrote to several leading English clubs, 12 in fact and received just one reply, from Manchester United who said no!

Ironically just last season, United paid out more than \$550,000 for another Aston Villa full-back, Colin Gibson... who had been unable to keep a regular spot in the same side in which Dorigo was an ever-present!

If United had read their mail more closely they would have been able to sign the Adelaide lad for around 30 cents, the cost of a stamp five years ago.

But then Villa came to the party and gave Tony a four-day trial.

The confidence which is lacking in many pa-

rents of their son's abilities was not so in Dorigo's case. When he asked to borrow the money for the flight, they soon obliged.

He went over and they supplied him with \$400 a month to supplement the \$35 a week for his apprenticeship.

When he arrived Tony was shocked to discover that the main interests of his new Aston Villa team-mates were discos and boozing.

And that was just some of the youth team! Back home in Adelaide, a family barbecue on the beach had been Dorigo's idea of a wild night out.

With this came the severe case of homesickness that befell the likes of Ray Baartz and Johnston before him in their treks to the UK.

When his parents couldn't bear the homesick letters any longer they packed in their Australian way of life and joined their young man in Sutton Coldfield.

Says Dorigo: "It's been a hell of a change for them, but we've always been a close family, which helps a lot."

Of his raging football mates he says: "I couldn't believe it when I came here and players wanted to get to discos every night."

"It got them into a lot of trouble because we were supposed to be in bed by 10.30pm. I could not keep up with their beer-drinking, either."

In fact Tony has plenty to keep him busy these days. Instead of slumping in front of the TV watching the races after training, he's tuned in to the Open University.

He studies three hours a day for his B.A. in business management and computing. When he's not doing that, he's building programmes for his \$3,200 business computer.

One of Tony's biggest problems after securing an apprenticeship with Villa was staying in England.

"I thought I'd cracked it when Villa offered me apprentice terms. Then the authorities refused to give me a work permit."

"They said it would help if I had a British relative or ancestor."

Eventually Dorigo's closest living relative enabled him to dribble round the immigration men. He qualified for an Italian passport because his father had been born there — guaranteeing residency in any other EEC country.

Now things are running very smoothly for Dorigo. After starting on a \$135 weekly wage as a full-time professional at the Villa he is now commanding in the region of \$2000 a week plus incentives.

And eventually he'll earn much more.



TONY DORIGO warms up prior to an Aston Villa match.

## SENSATIONS AT STAMFORD

STAMFORD BRIDGE, the home of Chelsea, is not known for being a 'quiet' club.

But things got hotter than ever when revelations from glamour-boy and England international — KERRY DIXON, come flooding out in his book.

The tall, blond striker got \$24,000 to reveal all in a London tabloid. He tells of a dressing-room punch-up with Scottish international David Speedie and personality clashes with Chelsea manager John Hollins.

Dixon says he punched the Scot in the mouth because he was always ribbing him in training and that he fears for his future at Chelsea because "I'm worried that the manager doesn't rate me."

Hollins has responded by slapping a \$4,000 fine on Dixon for spilling the beans on the never-ending turmoil that goes on behind the scenes at the club and it could spark one of the biggest transfer scrambles of the season.

Already Manchester United — who are known to have a not so potent forward line — are eyeing the troubles in London with interest.

In fact the rumours of Dixon's possible departure have heightened following Chelsea's signing of Scotland Under 23 star Gordon Durie from Hibernian for nearly \$1 million. Obviously this sort of

money is not spent with intentions of keeping the player in the reserves.

Hollins also splashed out \$200,000 for South African Roy Wegerle from Tampa Bay Rowdies and both Durie and Wegerle have been told that they will be part of Chelsea's First Division plans.

It all points to a move for out-of-favour Dixon, darling of the hooligans who pack the infamous Shed at the Bridge every second Saturday.

All Chelsea boss Hollins says is: "He has been fined two weeks' wages and he will play in which ever side I order him to."



KERRY DIXON, in the wars at Chelsea.



TONY DORIGO before and after. At left young Tony is pictured at an Under 12 presentation and at right in his early years for Villa.

## — BRITISH BRIEFS —

MARK FALCO, the Tottenham striker, has had his two match suspension for making gestures to Aston Villa supporters back on May 3 halved by the English Football Association disciplinary committee.

But the \$3,600 fine stands. He was also hit in the pocket by his club.

Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers Association, who defended Falco, reported that the player had never been sent off in his career and didn't want

to create crowd problems.



The man who managed Spurs last season and spent 12 years with the club, PETER SHREEVE, has landed a coaching job.

He's linked up with rival London club QPR.

AS reported previously IAN RUSH was not sent-off by referee Ken Walmsley during the Liverpool—Manchester City match.

In fact the goal-scoring machine swore at the man in black after the game and he has now just a week to request a personal hearing or let the case go ahead without him.

The referee said he would have sent Rush off had it happened during the game.

If he is found guilty of improper behaviour he could be fined and suspended.



IAN RUSH — mouthed off at the wrong person.